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## ZOA Crisis Deepens As Agency Meets

Fund Uproul Spurs CPZ Plans  
For Grass-Roots War On SilverBy MARC H. TANENBAUM  
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NEW YORK—(NJP)—Foes of the Silver-Neumann leadership of the Zionist Organization of America moved swiftly this week in a bid to snatch power in the spreading dissension evoked by the ZOA fight against the Jewish Agency.

Three former ZOA presidents—Louis Lipsky, Stephen Wise and Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia—nailed down a virtual declaration of war at a national emergency conference Sunday of the Committee for Progressive Zionism.

As the tempo of the struggle for control of U. S. fund-raising for Israel mounted to new heights, the CPZ bitterly denounced the ZOA leadership for its attack on the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, slated to arrive this week in the United States for an unprecedented full executive meeting on the fund controversy.

The CPZ, the formal internal opposition to the Silver-Neumann leadership of the ZOA, backed up its denunciations with a series of steps to organize a nation-wide grass-roots organization to replace the ineffective opposition that took a savage beating at the 51st annual ZOA convention last July.

## Moves To Organize

The resolutions unanimously adopted by nearly 150 CPZ leaders from some 40 cities denounced the ZOA leadership for its bid to stop a full meeting of the Jewish Agency on the fund controversy; voted full support of the entire Agency and launched a nation-wide campaign openly aimed at toppling Dr. Emanuel Neumann from the ZOA presidency.

The CPZ voted to raise \$250,000 minimum for organization needs and public relations in the organization's first effort to organize an effective force, with a tight-knit organization on a national grass-roots basis and with a fund campaign.

In announcing their resolve to win country-wide support in their effort to dislodge the present ZOA leadership, the CPZ passed a resolution calling upon all ZOA districts and regions to join the fight.

To implement the drive, the CPZ voted the fund campaign and

announced plans for regular district and regional conferences throughout the U. S., to be topped by a national convention.

## First Parley Soon

The Post was told that the first such national parley would probably be held toward the end of February or the beginning of March, at which time a full slate of candidates would be chosen to run against the ZOA slate. No mention of possible CPZ candidates was made at the Sunday conference.

Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis, CPZ vice-chairman, who presided in the absence of CPZ chairman Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, announced the following quotas for the fund-raising effort against the Silver-Neumann leadership:

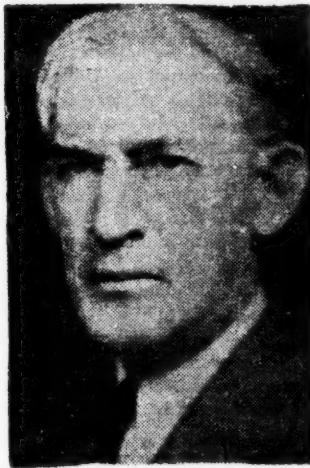
New York City, \$50,000; Chicago, \$20,000; Boston, \$15,000; Philadelphia, \$15,000; Newark, \$15,000; Baltimore, \$10,000. These local fund drives may cut deeply into the ZOA Expansion drives in communities throughout the country, observers at the meeting said.

The CPZ meeting also voted to establish an executive committee and an office committee, the latter consisting of Goldenberg as chairman, Abraham Feinberg of New York, Lipsky, Joel Gross of Newark, Carl Sherman of New York, Morris Margulies of New York and Fred Monosson of Boston.

Explaining the "gist of the opposition," Lipsky said that Neumann "had made impossible full cooperation on the part of all Zionist groups in this country by the policy of ruling with an iron hand."

He said the ZOA had proclaimed war against all who opposed its leadership and that "its cannon which was aimed at Bevin is now turned against all Zionists and the Jewish

## Blasts ZOA Leadership

LOUIS LIPSKY  
Leads Major Fight

## Agency itself."

He said the CPZ must "continue its fight for the reform of the ZOA administration with all the weapons of propaganda and parliamentary action until a victory is won at the next ZOA convention against arrogance and mismanagement, against personal and bi-partisan ambitions and against hate and prejudice."

ZOA UJA Givers  
Hit Morgenthau

NEW YORK—(NJP)—A Committee of Zionist Contributors to the United Jewish Appeal, led by N. Y. borough presidents of Zionist districts, entered the fray this week with an attack on Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

The new group expressed amazement at Morgenthau's insistence on demanding Henry Montor as his price for his returning to the post of UJA general chairman.

## PLENTY BIG BUSINESS

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—Israel will this year import \$200,000,000 worth of goods it was reported here this week. Officials of the Israeli Foreign Ministry emphasized that there will be no discrimination on political grounds among countries with which the Jewish state will maintain commercial relations.

First Plenary Session In U. S.  
Ready To Tackle Fateful Dispute

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The full executive of the Jewish Agency was slated this week to open a plenary session of day and night meetings on the United Jewish Appeal dispute which may determine the future of the Zionist movement in the United States and perhaps of the World Zionist Organization.

The Jerusalem section was delayed in arriving here last week but left Israel early this week by plane for the first plenary session in the United States in the history of the Agency.

The struggle involved the Zionist Organization of America, the United Jewish Appeal and its constituent agencies, particularly the ZOA-controlled United Palestine Appeal and was rapidly drawing in huge sections of other Zionist groups.

The ZOA leadership remained adamant in the face of a serious threat to its control in the giant Zionist organization. There was every indication that if the full Jewish Agency votes to uphold the demand of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., that he have Henry Montor on his staff as a condition of again heading the UJA, the Silver-Neumann leadership will reject the ruling.

The ZOA leadership indicated how deeply the attack by its foes had rocked it by opening the columns of the NEW PALESTINE, ZOA organ, to a discussion and mailing a copy of a defensive editorial to Anglo-Jewish editors.

The editorial was headed, "At Stake—The Future of the Movement." The editorial insisted that the real issue was the attempt of ZOA enemies in "devious and subtle ways to displace the ZOA and with it the entire Zionist movement from the position which it has held in American Jewish life for over half a century."

The editorial charged that Montor told a group of Reform rabbis in New York recently that the "immediate objective" of the struggle was to reduce Zionist representation on the funds to 50 per cent "and the ultimate objective was to eliminate completely the Zionist Organization from the picture of organized fund-raising for Israel."

The editorial warned that the ZOA dissidents in the campaign to return Montor would undermine the ZOA but would "also loosen the foundations not only of the Poale Zion but of Hadassah and Mizrahi as well."

The editorial hinted that Morgenthau was a pawn with the comment that he "may not be fully aware of the purpose of these machinations and what they imply."

There was no suggestion in the editorial, aimed specifically at the ZOA's 250,000 members, of any possible compromise.

A tight censorship—mainly in refusal of all concerned to discuss matters—has hidden all details on the meeting. But there was considerable speculation as to what moves the plenary session may try in the dispute with the ZOA leadership.

It is widely rumored that the first step the Jerusalem executive will take to counteract the official ZOA resolution claiming that the UJA issue was strictly a U. S. Zionist affair will be a resolution specifically claiming jurisdiction.

Source close to Dr. Silver said that if such tactics are used, he will simply walk out of the meeting.

The plane enroute to the United States carrying the Jerusalem section members included Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of Israel; Berl Locker, chairman of the Agency executive; Wolf Gold, Mizrahi; S. Z. Shragal, Mizrahi, and Yitchak Werfel, Mizrahi.

Selig Brodetsky of the British section of the Agency arrived in the U. S. this week.

The precedent-shattering meetings will be held at the New York office of the Agency at 16 E. 66th St.

## UPA Executive Blasts ZOA Stand In Fund Dispute

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A top working official of the United Palestine Appeal threw his support this week to backers of a move to return Henry Montor to power in U. S. fund-raising and sharply attacked the Zionist Organization of America for its stand on the issue.

Harry Seeve, administrative director of the United Palestine Appeal, declared that the Silver-Neumann ZOA leadership had been guilty of a "wilful and unwarranted attack" on the Jewish Agency executive.

Special significance was attached to Seeve's willingness to permit national publicity for his stand, in view of the tight ZOA control of the UPA. Seeve made his statements in a letter to The Post.

He was one of five executives who quit last November in protest against the naming of Harry Shapiro to replace Montor on the United Jewish Appeal and the UPA. (NJP, Nov. 19, 1948)

Subsequently he and the other executives were re-instated in accordance with an agreement reached between the UPA and the Committee of Contributors, a group of large givers opposed to ZOA control of the UPA. The COC is closely linked with the

Committee for Progressive Zionism, the internal opposition to the Silver-Neumann leadership in the ZOA.

Seeve said he was convinced that he expressed the feelings of many Zionists in the U. S. in protesting the stand of the ZOA and its warning to the Jerusalem section that the dispute was not in the Agency's jurisdiction.

Seeve noted that the ZOA widely publicized a cable from the Agency executive establishing the American section as fully responsible for "representing, guiding and supervising all activities on behalf of the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency on the American scene."

He said the ZOA hailed the message as "a precise directive establishing the American section of the Jewish Agency as a paramount authority in the United States over all political, organizational and other fund-raising activities."

"In the face of this most recent acclaim of the Jewish Agency's authority by the ZOA, it is indeed strange that that same authority should be contested by the ZOA, at the moment when Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann found themselves a small minority of two in the American section of the Jewish Agency execu-

tive," Seeve declared.

The reference was to a vote by the American section which supported the controversial proposal of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to return as general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for a third year only if he could have Henry Montor on his staff.

Dr. Silver ruled that the issue was not within the jurisdiction of the American section. Dr. Neumann had left earlier without voting. The vote was five to nothing in favor of the Morgenthau-Montor proposal.

Seeve charged the ZOA leaders with being motivated by "personal resentment rather than a wish to help in the upbuilding of Israel."

"The leadership of the ZOA does not speak for the whole of American Jewry," Seeve declared. "It does not speak for the various Zionist organizations in this country, nor even for the whole of its own membership."

He said that "to defy the authority of the Jewish Agency executive is for the leadership of the ZOA to invoke chaos in American Jewish life and thus to do harm to the maintenance and expansion of our work in Israel."



## Mapai Victory Places Israel Squarely Into Western Orbit

TEL AVIV, Israel—The victory of David Ben-Gurion and his middle-of-the-road socialist Mapai in the first election of the Jewish State placed Israel squarely in the Western orbit, a development in effect ratified by full recognition this week of Israel by the United States.

The first session of the Israeli Constituent Assembly, whose members were chosen in the election, will be held in Jerusalem, starting Feb. 14. Selection of Jerusalem buttressed rumors that Israel will soon proclaim the city as part of the Jewish State. Simultaneous U. S. recognition of Transjordan strengthened the hand of King Abdullah for direct negotiation with Israel. Experts have consistently argued that Transjordan would be the first Arab State to make peace with Israel and to recognize it.

The fading tempo of armistice negotiations at Rhodes between Israel and Egypt, which might yet take on new life because of virtual acceptance of Israel into the western family of nations, strengthened the possibility that Transjordan would crack the Arab log-jam.

A coalition government based on Mapai which garnered more than 40 seats in the Assembly, and Mapam, which did less well than expected, probably will run the Jewish State.

That coalition will mean retention in top posts of the men who guided the Jewish State through its first turbulent months of existence and led the fight of the Yishuv before the state. Notable among these is Moshe Shertok, the diminutive, ascetic Foreign Minister.

The religious parties which banded together for election purposes in a unity which is expected to crack up in debates over the role of Torah law in future Israeli legislation, have shown considerable political strength.

On the basis of civilian votes,



SHERTOK BEN-GURION  
They'll Still Lead

the religious bloc had more votes but the soldiers vote was expected to put Mapam in second place.

The Freedom party, political successor to Menachem Beigun's terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi, pulled more than 11 per cent of the civilian vote. With so large a bloc of seats, it will be a factor of consequence in any coalition setup.

The tiny Communist party furnished some cause for embarrassment for those of Israel's enemies who have tried red smear tactics by polling a trifling three per cent of the voters, with at least half of them Arab.

### Sternists Get Little

The Stern group, active politically as "The Fighters," collected about one per cent of the vote, which may mean freedom for the Sternists' commander, Nathan Freidman-Yellin. He is now on trial for membership in a terrorist organization.

The General Zionists drew a trifling vote, about five per cent. The outcome is bound to have repercussions in the U. S. Jewish community, where the proportions of labor and right wing Zionist representation are exactly reverse.

## New Outburst of Fund Drives For Israel Likely This Year

# Coordination Of Overseas Aid Far From Realization—Glasser

By BEN GALLOB

INDIANAPOLIS (NJP)—Efforts to eliminate duplication of work for European refugees by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and United Jewish Appeal agencies have been only partly successful and there are currently no negotiations to solve the problem, Harold Glasser disclosed this week.

Glasser, who is director of the Institute of Overseas Studies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, made the disclosure during an interview at an appearance here this week.

He addressed the annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis in a report on the future of U. S. Jewish philanthropic goals for 1949.

He also told The Post, in an exclusive interview, that:

1. Many U. S. agencies, including HIAS, are shifting their work to Israel as the European needs move toward fulfillment.

2. Despite the greatest need in history for coordination in fund-raising and spending, there is likely to be a new outburst of independent campaigns in the U. S. for Israel.

3. The Joint Distribution Committee will formally apply to the International Refugee Organization for refunds of JDC funds spent on transporting Jewish DPs from Israel since last May.

4. The Russian-dominated Eastern European countries are moving slowly but steadily in the direction of slamming down the Iron Curtain between their Jewish communities and the western world.

5. Though Israel may find it nearly impossible this year to provide any sort of accommodations for Moslem Jews, the march to the Jewish State has begun "and nothing will stop it."

### Reluctant To Blame

As a key figure in the negotiations that brought partial coordination between HIAS and the JDC on refugee work in Europe, Glasser was reluctant to specify the blame for the delay in further and more effective coordination.

He was vigorous, however, in his condemnation of the expensive and needless waste and said strong measures were needed.

His comments recalled his report last September on a first-hand study of Europe. He said that the duplication of services was very serious and that it was hampering effective aid to Jewish DPs. (NJP Sept. 3, 1948).

The exact state of affairs in the field now, he said, covered three areas. One was work for European DPs scheduled to come to the U. S. under the 1948 Refugee law. Second was work for the rest of the DPs. Third was work for DPs after arrival in the



HAROLD GLASSER  
They Are Still Competing

United States, which involves the United Service for New Americans. The JDC and USNA are UJA agencies.

In the first field, coordination has been achieved. Glasser said he was unable to report on whether the coordination had cut costs or personnel to any degree, but he said that it has greatly improved service.

In the other two fields, chaos continues to reign. Glasser said the hitch is that the USNA and HIAS have been unable to agree on a formula which is considered vital to a complete agreement between JDC and HIAS in Europe.

Negotiations between HIAS and USNA, under auspices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are scheduled to be resumed in about two months.

It appeared likely that the problem might be solved by the rapid departure of DPs from Europe. Already HIAS has established a program of providing rapid transit of funds from U. S. friends and relatives to DPs arriving in Israel and other service and is expanding its program in those directions.

HIAS recently announced appointment of a fund-raising director and disclosed plans for the largest budget in its history. (NJP, Jan. 14).

Glasser said ORT and OSE also were transferring their programs to Israel as the European need ebbed.

The prospect of increased fund-raising by these groups in the

U. S. comes at a time when American Jewry will be called on for maximum discipline and coordination for the central task of 1949—reception and reestablishment of a mass influx of DPs into Israel.

Glasser said that U. S. fund agencies will have to deal with the prospect of not only greater independent fund drives by these agencies but also the strong possibility of a whole new outburst of special fund campaigns.

He said that the rate of immigration is so great that DPs must count on living in temporary camps for at least two months and these temporary camps are "very bad."

These conditions will get worse as the flow of immigrants increases this year and the housing emptied by fleeing Arabs is filled, he said. The increasing number of American Jews visiting Israel will come back with reports certain to spark a host of new special funds, Glasser declared.

The recent decision of the IRO, under U. S. pressure and against British resistance, to revoke an eight-months ban on financial help to Israel-bound DPs, will be of some help, Glasser said.

The IRO's executive committee took the action over the continued opposition of the British, who forced the IRO to take the anti-Israel position in the first place.

Under the ruling, IRO may reimburse private agencies, meaning the JDC, for up to \$4,000,000 for refugees moved to Palestine before last Jan. 1. Glasser said the JDC intends to seek funds to cover all transportation costs from last May until next June, which would amount to around \$10,000,000.

Despite the problems of handling the increasing flow of refugees, Jews in Soviet-dominated countries are leaving as rapidly as they can. Glasser said they were impelled by the fear that the Sovietized regimes would within a few months, at the most, halt all immigration to Israel.

"Even in Bulgaria, where not a single Jew was murdered during the Nazi occupation because Bulgarians sheltered their Jewish neighbors, they are leaving in huge numbers," Glasser said.

He said the new Soviet policy was aimed also at pushing philanthropic agencies out of the East European countries. He said Rumania has already made some moves in that direction to compel the JDC to leave.

He disclosed that in December, 4,000 Jews left Morocco illegally—all emigration by Jews in Arab lands is illegal—and crossed to France.

"Nobody knows how many of the 800,000 Jews in Moslem lands will come to Israel but they are coming," Glasser said. "There is no organization, there are no funds, there is no safe transport but they are coming."

He said the Moslem Jewry were electrified by the news of the rebirth of Israel. The historic news spread swiftly through the diseased, poverty-stricken Jews and fired new hopes for a final end to their misery.

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## Weisman Reported Silver Choice For ZOA Head; Frisch 'Favorite Son'

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Herman L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the embattled United Palestine Appeal, was reported this week to be the choice of the Silver-Neumann leadership for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America.

The report was made by Boris Smolar, editorial chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in his column, "Between You and Me."

### No Comment

Offices of the ZOA, locked in a tremendous struggle over U.S. fund-raising, declined comment on the report.

Daniel Frisch, an avowed candidate for the ZOA presidency next July, told The Post he had no comment on Smolar's report.

Speculation began immediately on the significance of the report, which was regarded as having some basis in Smolar's excellent pipelines into high Zionist circles.

It is generally believed that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, now personally leading the fight to retain ZOA control of the United Palestine Appeal, can name the next ZOA president.

There have been persistent reports that Dr. Silver might run again himself as the most certain way to mobilize the ZOA for the struggle to adjust to the foundation-rocking changes in U. S. Jewish life brought about by the fact of a Jewish State.

New York sources said that Dr. Silver might feel he has made too many enemies to undertake the task of heading the ZOA again.

### Is This Better?

These sources also argued that Weisman, who has loyally carried out orders of the Silver-Neumann regime in his work as UPA head, has made almost as many enemies as has Dr. Silver.

Weisman was bitterly assailed last week by the Memphis ZOA district in a resolution repudiating the administration stand in the fund fight.

Acting presumably under orders, Weisman has called no meetings of the UPA board since he was appointed. The decision to reject the ruling of the American



HERMAN WEISMAN

DANIEL FRISCH  
Presidential Pot Boils

section of the Jewish Agency in the Morgenthau-Montor controversy was taken by the UPA executive and not by the full board.

### Here's What Happened

(Henry Morgenthau, Jr., declined to accept the United Jewish Appeal chairmanship for a third year unless he could name Henry Montor to his staff. The ZOA leadership has flatly refused to accept Montor back in U.S. fund-raising).

The Memphis ZOA board called the UPA action an "unwarranted assumption of power" on the part of Weisman and demanded his resignation.

National Jewish Post

INDIANAPOLIS — Daniel Frisch, a vice president of the Zionist Organization of America was endorsed this week as a "favorite son" candidate for the ZOA presidency, the first such endorsement in the campaign for a successor to Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

The endorsement was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region here Sunday.

### List of Candidates

Those in the running far what is generally considered the highest elective office in the U. S. Jewish community include, besides Frisch, Mortimer May, another vice president; Rabbi Irving Miller and Benjamin Browdy, president of the Brooklyn Zionist region.

The endorsement was contained in a resolution voted "in recognition of long, devoted and extraordinary service rendered to the Zionist cause by Mr Daniel Frisch, and in further recognition of his ability, excellent background and thorough knowledge and experience in all branches and departments of the Zionist Organization of America."

The resolution added that "we further petition herewith the chairman of the nominating committee of the forthcoming convention of the Zionist Organization of America," place the name of our candidate, Mr. Frisch, in nomination for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America.

Frisch listed himself as a vigorous opponent of any socialist state in Israel in an interview with the National Jewish Post last Nov. 26.

The endorsement was expected to speed up the jockeying for position of the contenders for the presidency, looking toward the next national ZOA convention in July.

### Silver Asks End To Street Collections

NEW YORK (WNS) An end to all street collections for Israel, with the exception of the traditional annual flag and flower days of the Jewish National Fund, has been decided upon by the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, it was announced by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman.

The American section of the Jewish Agency will send letters to all organizations which have been sponsoring the collections. Dr. Silver urged all friends of Israel to refrain in the future from contributing to persons soliciting funds on the streets.

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## AZEC May Be Disbanded Soon; Labor Zionists Favor Proposal

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The American Zionist Emergency Council, over all representative body of American Zionism, may wind up its affairs and close shop within six months, The Post learned this week.

According to a Post informant, the AZEC budget has been allocated for the next six months only, rather than on the usual annual basis.

A committee on scope, headed by Rabbi Irving Miller, is now studying the future status of the organization, with special emphasis on its relation to the Jewish Agency. The Agency is a public relations body and therefore to a great extent, fulfills the purposes of AZEC, now that the political struggle for Israel is near a successful conclusion, according to the informant.

Zionist members of the Emergency Council are reportedly split on the question of its future. The Labor Zionists, The Post was told, are calling for a completely new organization, while other Zionist bodies want AZEC to continue but with changes.

### Leadership Has Failed Miserably

## U.S. JEWS SEEN UNPREPARED

## FOR A "LIFE WITHOUT POGROMS"

NEW YORK—(NJP)—An official of the American Jewish Congress asserted this week that the leadership of American Jews had left the Jewish community totally unprepared for the "revolutionary situation created by the establishment of Israel."

Dr. Joachim Prinz, writing in the current CONGRESS WEEKLY, said that leadership had

geared American Jewry "not only to accept tragedy as a major event in Jewish life but also to expect it. Hitler is dead, the period of pogroms is over—what will they do without tragedy?"

Prinz sketched the new life in its impact with the question "What will they do without the Madison Square Garden mentality? The glamor is all but gone. The slogans don't fit. Reality is tough to take."

He warned that the emergence of the Jewish State had created "an emotional gap in American Jewish life which, if not filled, will push tens of thousands of newly-affiliated Jews back into inarticulate indifference."

Asserting that "the midnight hour of unmasking" has arrived, Prinz said that there would be "many pretenders to the vacant throne of Jewish leadership."

"Survival of groups and organizations, obsolete and without real function though they may be, is entirely due to the existence of a machine," he declared. "For the upkeep of this chimera, American Jewry, in dues and allocations, is paying a pretty penny. If the expenditures of vast sums would serve the real

needs of American Jewry, it would be entirely justifiable to spend even more. An analysis of activities as compared with the real needs of American Jewry, however, makes it mere mockery."

He proposed a meeting of "independent Jews," who would join without "any publicity, drumbeating and flattery, and discuss thoroughly the program for the totality of American Jewish needs. We should look into many nooks and corners to find such people, affiliation or no affiliation."

He proposed that such a convocation should begin by seeking "Jewish businessmen and engineers, for teachers and thinkers who are not beholden to any machine and are willing to undergo the process of a personal liberation from the shackles of loyalty to an organization."

He suggested as the goal of such real function and such a movement "one membership card that entitles and obligates us to work together for that which can already be defined as the American Jewish credo, common to an overwhelming majority of American Jews."

## Miami Kicks Off 1949 UJA Drive

National Jewish Post

MIAMI—The first major fund drive for 1949, that of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, was set this week with a quota of \$438,230 more than was raised last year. However, the United Jewish Appeal has been allocated only the same amount as in 1948—\$1,000,000. The goal of the 1949 drive is \$1,881,737.

Miami was one of the few cities in the U. S. to go over the top in 1948, an accomplishment made possible by the holding of a second campaign after the first one fell short.

There was some feeling reported that the community gave too much to the UJA last year but after an appeal by Sholom Sontup of the UJA, the 1948 allocation was repeated for this year.

Arthur Lourie, Israeli council general in New York, was scheduled to open the big gifts drive this week.

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## Digest Of The Yiddish Press

CHARGE U.S. LOAN HAS STINGER;  
NONE OF IT FOR THE NEGEV

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

A MID the hearty hurrahs over the many items of good news out of Israel, with which almost 50 per cent of the Yiddish press is full these days, the anti-Truman FREIHEIT utters the chilling charge that, in granting the \$100,000,000 loan, the Export-Import Bank stipulated that none of it could be used in the Negev.

This is proof to the FREIHEIT that our State Department still sides with Bevin in wanting to keep the Jews out of the hotly-disputed southern area.

Is the FREIHEIT correct? Was this string attached? Jewish authorities did state that none of the loan would be used in the Negev and, of course, the actual result of the loan will be the release of extra funds for its development. But it would be interesting to know whether the bank did actually lay down that condition. None but the FREIHEIT has said so.

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Forty Boston Grocers  
Will Close on Sabbath

The Sabbath Foundation of Boston, after years of agitation, won a notable triumph when 40 grocers agreed to keep their stores shut on the seventh day.

Rabbi Joseph M. Jacobson, crusader for Sabbath observance, has stirred the Orthodox congregations of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan into concerted attention on behalf of his cause.

At mass meetings throughout Boston, people were asked to patronize the observant grocer, to avoid the Sabbath-breakers and to do their shopping earlier in the week. L. Ness of the JOURNAL calls the experiment "a milestone in the life of Boston Jewry."

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Terrorism Spreading  
Against Cuban Jews

A new dark spot on the Jewish horizon has appeared in Cuba, where a full-fledged anti-Semitic campaign is terrorizing the Jewish population.

Pamphlets, demonstrations,

and even a daily radio program are fomenting hatred and the movement is verging on outright pogromism. Disguised as an anti-Communist league, the haters are composed of Spanish Falangists, Arabs and assorted scum.

The situation is so serious that Jewish leaders have halted their welfare campaign to take counsel about means of combatting the danger. Incredibly enough, appeals to the Government to check the mad business have gone unheeded. Calling all defense agencies! (I. Steinberg, the JOURNAL).

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Vienese Jews Are  
In A Sad Plight

A plaintive cry for help has gone up from the Jews of Austria. Two thousand of them assembled in Vienna a few weeks ago to utter a heart-rending cry to the government.

Anti-Semitism is increasing; their pre-war property has not been restored; their economic condition is poor.

What makes their lot doubly pathetic is the fact that they trustingly returned to Austria from various places of internment, confident that they would be treated as Austrian citizens whose wrongs would be redressed.

No such thing has happened, and now they are not even on the priority lists for passage to Israel.

"Hundreds of us," they stated in a lengthy petition, "live in wretched, inhuman circumstances. Many of our numbers have once more been shunted off to camps. Our sick and aged, many of whom had been stripped by the Nazis of all their possessions, are starved and penniless. And at the same time the Nazis still own the stolen Jewish property—factories, stores and dwellings."

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## Premiere of Concert Version of "Dybbuk" Set

By HARRY TURTLEDOVE

National Jewish Post Correspondent

PORTLAND — (NJP) — What the president of the Portland Symphony Society has called "the most newsworthy event of our 1948-1949 season" will take place here next week when the Portland Symphony Orchestra, with Jan Peerce as soloist, will present a world premier in concert version of the opera "The Dybbuk."

The opera, with music by David Tamkin, libretto by Alex Tamkin, both originally of Portland, is based on S. Ansky's world-famous play dealing with cabalistic lore. The Tamkin brothers have been waiting 18 years to hear it performed publicly.

For several years after its completion in 1932 it seemed that the Metropolitan Opera would produce the concert version. But a series of incidents combined to prevent a performance.

Peerce came into the picture in 1939, when he sang the tenor role at an audition for newspaper critics. He described the music as magnificent and has been a supporter of "The Dybbuk's" cause ever since.

When Werner Janssen, the Portland Symphony leader asked David Tamkin, now composer-arranger for a Hollywood



JAN PEECE  
A Dream Come True

studio, to write a symphony-length concert version of the opera to be played in Portland, Peerce agreed to take the solo role.

Not Jewish Opera

"We were not attempting to write a Jewish Opera," Alex Tamkin explains. "The background and atmosphere are certainly Jewish, but we were expressing ourselves as Americans

and the idiom we used is modern. For instance, you will find a syncopation in the Dance of the Beggars that certainly was unknown to the Chassidim it portrays."

But the titles of the numbers to be presented indicate just how Jewish the background atmosphere, if not the music, are. They include A Chassidic Tale, A Chassidic Nigun, Lamentation and Prayer, and Shir Hashirim (Song of Songs).

In the operatic score the Shir Hashirim is a love motif. For the concert, however, special lyrics have been written by Jay Brook of Hollywood, expanding it into "Song of Israel."

Most Dynamic Aria

"Song of Israel is the most dynamic aria I have ever done," Peerce said. He will sing it as the climax of the concert in both Hebrew and English.

The Tamkins are not certain that their opera will ever get full production but if it does, they have long since made plans for the income. It will go to establish a musical cultural fund to be set up in Israel in memory of their father, Morris Tamkin, "so that someone in that country may not have to struggle quite as hard as we did in this country."

British Zionists Rapped

CHARGE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE WJC  
BOSS OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES

LONDON—A charge that British Zionists were engaged in a campaign to make the 200-year-old British Board of Deputies of British Jews subservient to the World Jewish Congress was made last week by the Jewish CHRONICLE of London.

In an editorial criticizing the actions of British Zionists, the Anglo-Jewish weekly said that a campaign had been launched which had nothing to do with the normal functions of a Zionist party.

The editorial said that the Board of Deputies for many generations "has been the central institution for guarding our common status in this country."

In 1943, the editorial said, a caucus of Zionists on the board called "The Progressive Group," assumed "a dominating control." As a result, the editorial said, there had been a drop in popular esteem of the Board's influence and authority.

The editorial said that "the more moderate elements" on the board had rejected "inducements to secede" in the hope that once a Jewish State had been achieved and the presumed reason for the caucus of Zionists removed, "a restoration was possible of the Board's proper status."

Such hopes were shattered, the

editorial said by a speech of L. Bakstansky, general secretary of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, and leader of the 1943 caucus.

"Quite gratuitously, but deliberately, he launched a heated attack on the programme of the Anglo-Jewish Association, so as to introduce a partisan issue into the forthcoming elections," the weekly charged. The Anglo-Jewish Association is a non-Zionist organization.

Asserting that the Anglo-Jewish Association is not a member of the Board of Deputies and therefore could not influence the Board, the editorial said the speech was designed to capture the Board of Deputies, "this time, however, to make it subservient not simply to the Great Russell Street Organization (the Zionists) but essentially to the World Jewish Congress."

The editorial charged that a campaign has been launched "to secure in 1949 the affiliation inferentially the surrender of the Deputies to the World Jewish Congress."

The editorial said that "so far, therefore, from the freedom of the Board being restored, its independence stands in greater jeopardy than ever." It added that "there is grave danger that widespread secessions from the Board will result and it will cease to fulfill its historic function as the mouth-piece of Anglo-Jewry."

Priest Halts Attacks

On Greek Synagogue

ATHENS—Hoodlums in Volos finally stopped attacks on the Volos Synagogue after the priest of the local Orthodox Church threatened them with excommunication, it was reported this week.

The attacks had continued for several weeks without intervention by local police. Gangs of the young toughs gathered nightly to pitch rocks at the synagogue.

mentable situation, A. Halperin of the DAY points out that most European governments have indeed passed laws for the restoration of Jewish property. But there is one hitch; they are not being enforced.

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## Van Paassen New Orleans Visit Brings New Twist In Israel Aid Struggle; ZOA District Baffled

National Jewish Post

NEW ORLEANS—From the Southland this week came a new twist in the nation-wide story of duplication and competitive struggles between Jewish groups in behalf of Israel.

It all started with a visit by Pierre Van Paassen over a year ago, when he came here to speak under auspices of the New Orleans Zionist district. His clarion call to action, instead of spurring the local Zionist Organization of America drive, resulted in the setting up of a new organization dedicated to "practical aid to Palestine."

Four men started a whirlwind campaign to embark on a program of concrete assistance, with the avowed aim of raising "big money" and furnishing the "know-how" which they claimed the local Zionists could not supply.

The members banded together as "Genesis," and mapped a far-flung program of action. The program included most of the activities normally handled by ZOA affiliates.

The stunned ZOA leaders, facing the prospect of losing control over their fund-raising, watched the Genesis snowball pick up size and momentum. Soon the membership—with annual dues of \$120 per—reached 150. Among the most enthusiastic workers were men who held membership in the ZOA but who refused to work through the ZOA.

Genesis officials insist that the group is "a pro-Israel organization" but that it has no ideological ties with Zionism. The claim is made

despite the fact that 75 per cent of its membership is affiliated with the ZOA district, which numbers over 400.

ZOA leaders, who have proposed a merger of Genesis with the district, have bowed to the inevitable and have even come to a working agreement with Genesis. The organization, for example, raised the entire sum for the ZOA district's 1948 American Zionist Fund quota.

In recent weeks there have been signs that a lack of new projects and some tactical errors may bring an end to the group. Dues have been sliced in half.

Local observers said that well meaning and enthusiastic as the leaders are, they are unfamiliar with the intricate ramifications of Jewish fund-raising on the national and local levels.

As an example they cite the action of the group in turning over \$25,000 raised for a project, to the United Jewish Appeal. The action brought a storm of protest from the rank and file. They complained they could just as easily have increased their contributions to the UJA and received credits for the amounts against income taxes. Donations to Genesis are not deductible.

Asked what the group is doing to remain in business, Leon Robbins, the new president, beamed at The Post correspondent.

"Have you any ideas?" he asked. "We are open for suggestions."

## Rabbinical Council Pushes Negotiations

### Emissary From Israel In U. S. For World Religious Court Talks

PHILADELPHIA—(NJP)—The Chief Rabbi of Israel has sent an emissary to the United States in connection with talks opened by the Rabbinical Council of America looking to re-establishment in Israel of a central religious authority for world Jewry, it was disclosed this week.

Rabbi Jacob Goldman of Jerusalem was introduced in Philadelphia by Rabbi Israel Tabak, president of the Rabbinical Council as "the emissary of the Chief Rabbi in Israel."

Disclosure of the talks by the Rabbinical Council brought sharp criticism from other rabbinical spokesmen in the United States and Canada, questioning the right of the Orthodox Rabbinical group to start such talks.

The occasion for introduction of Rabbi Goldman was a conference called in conjunction with a national mid-winter conference held here. The Conference last month started a Torah-Tour, believed to be the first in the history of American Judaism to bring the message of Orthodoxy to many areas of the country. (NJP Jan. 14).

Rabbi Tabak said Rabbi Goldman was sent by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog "in response to the suggestion of the Rabbinical Council that the Chief Rabbinate be re-established as the central religious authority in Israel for world Jewry."

The proposal was attacked recently by Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. Rabbi Feinberg said the Rabbinical Council "spoke only for itself when it recently announced steps toward the recognition of

the Chief Rabbinate of Israel as the supreme religious authority for all Jews."

He said that Reform Judaism would vigorously resist any such attempt "to establish a religious dictatorship." (NJP Dec. 10, 1948).

Rabbi Tabak took indirect notice of the criticism by explaining that the proposal looked forward to the need of unifying "the Rabbinate throughout the world through the setting up of a central institution around the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem in which the Rabbinate of the Diaspora would be represented."

He stressed that "whatever obedience would be rendered to such a central body would be entirely voluntary."

## Britain Lets Down All Migration Bars

LONDON—(JTA)—Britain will permit Jews in its zone of Germany, in Tripoli and in other territories under its control to migrate to Israel regardless of whether they are of military age or not, Under-Secretary Christopher Mayhew this week announced in Commons.

He declared that following the decision to release the Cyprus Jews, the British Government had also decided to apply the same policy to all other areas under British control.

## Winnipeg Ski Club Freely Admits Bias

WINNIPEG—A charge that the Puffin Ski club discriminates against Jews was confirmed with a frank admission by the club president, the Canadian Congress said this week.

The Congress quoted the club president as saying:

"It is a sort of unwritten code that Jews are undesirable. There is nothing in writing in the club's laws but we prefer to exclude people of Jewish origin or race. Some of the executive members think that Jews are too aggressive and once let into the club will try to run the place."

## Stephen Haas Killer Gets 15 Years, Report

WASHINGTON—(JTA)—The State Department received word that an Egyptian named Bakr Mirsil was sentenced this week to 15 years hard labor for the murder last July of Stephen Haas, a Philadelphia Jew.

Haas and his wife were tourists in Cairo when an angry mob attacked and killed Mr. Haas. Mrs. Haas escaped injury. State Department press officer Michael J. McDermott said this week that he understood Mrs. Haas is thinking of filing a claim against the Egyptian Government. Two other persons on trial with Mirsil were acquitted, McDermott said.

## CIO's Jack Kroll Joins Labor Zionists

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The Labor Zionist Organization of America reported this week that Jack Kroll, national director of the Political Action Committee of the CIO, has joined LZOA.

## Digest Of The Yiddish Press

### MORTON AND ZALMAN DISCUSS B'NAI B'RITH AND ISRAEL AGAIN

By CARL ALPERT

MAYBE you remember Morton and Zalman. I first met them on the Staten Island ferry. Well, I didn't really meet them, but it's so quiet on the ferry, that your fellow passengers seem like friendly neighbors, and their conversations become public property. Who has secrets on Staten Island?

Anyhow, I saw them again the other day. I was walking around the upper deck looking for a place to sit when I saw them on the Brooklyn side of the boat. By coincidence there was an empty space beside them, and by coincidence I slipped into it.

"I SEE WHERE OUR Anti-Defamation League saved Israel again," Morton warmed up, carefully polishing the B'nai B'rith pin in his lapel.

Zalman looked and sounded incredulous. "WHY you say that again, please?"

"Our A.D.L. came to Israel's rescue—and just in time."

Zalman made a studied effort to restrain himself and asked calmly: "Where do you get that information?"

"Why, it was on the front page of the National Jewish Post a couple of weeks ago. Look—I've got a clipping." He pulled a folded piece of paper out of his pocket. "Listen: The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is concentrating its efforts to 'sell' Israel to the American non-Jewish community because the Israeli public relations program in the U. S. is terribly weak."

"Who says so?" Zalman sputtered.

"Oh, the director of our A.D.L. Speakers' Bureau. Where were you Zionists, anyhow? It's lucky we came to your rescue."

Zalman could contain himself no longer. He reached into an inside pocket, and drew out an envelope of papers and clippings.

"Morton, my friend," he said, "you asked for it! I saw that item in the Post all right, and I was willing to overlook it, as a piece of normal exaggeration. But when you pick it up, and wave it in my face like that—it's just too much. I had an idea you'd do that, and I'm ready for you—you and your A.D.L."

"What do you mean?" Morton was nonchalantly curious.

"I have a habit of saving things, and luckily my wife doesn't complain. I went through a lot of papers on my closet shelf the other night, and I came across some interesting things—like this . . ." He thrust a leaflet into the other's hands.

I LEANED OVER unobtrusively and read the title: "Fireside Discussion Group of the Anti-Defamation League. How Far Zionism?"

Zalman snatched the document back again. "You know what this is! Your A.D.L. used this for discussion circles. They used to boast that tens of thousands of people got their information from things like this. Well, listen, and let me read to you from your A.D.L. pamphlet. Listen:

"It is a serious indictment against political Zionism that the principle upon which it rests leads some of those who adhere to it to justify the organization of the Jews as a separate unit in other countries than Palestine. Pretty subtle, eh? Listen to this: 'The mere fact that Palestine can never hold more than a small minority of the Jews of the world constitutes by itself a most potent argument against the creation of a Jewish State even if it were desirable . . .' Slick, huh?"

"Then, there are helpful questions for the discussion period. Here's the first one: 'How far should the Zionist Party go in trying to make Palestine a national homeland?' Here's the second question: 'Do you think it is fair to try and eliminate the Arab from Palestine?' Do you think it is possible?" Well, what do you say to that?"

MORTON WAS INTENT on a ship crossing the harbor. "Isn't that a Swedish ship?" he asked.

"And I've got plenty more pamphlets and clippings here, any time you want to talk to me about your A.D.L. helping Palestine," Zalman persisted.

"Nope—it ain't Swedish. Maybe that's a Norwegian flag . . ."

Zalman put the clippings back in his pocket, folded his arms across his chest and smiled sweetly to himself. For the rest of the trip, until the ferry swung in at St. George, he just sat there and enjoyed the scenery and the fresh air.

Ah, the poor folks who have to go home by subway. There's nothing like the Staten Island ferry.



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## Presenting The Case Of The Red Beard And A Job

# Orthodox Jews Fight Job Barriers of Following Torah Law

By BRACHYA COHEN

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (NJP)—A bright red beard is part of the scenery at a Manhattan office because there is an organization in New York which is determined to make sure that Orthodox Jews aren't penalized in job-hunting for holding to their traditional customs.

The beard is the property of a former Lubavitcher Yeshiva student, who had two strikes against him in efforts to get a job. Not only did he insist that he be free to rest and pray on the Sabbath but he also insisted on his right to refrain from shaving.

So he took his troubles to the Sabbath Observance Council and asked for help. The Council, supported by Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox groups in U. S. Jewry, has an employment service and the former student was given help. He got the job and kept his beard.

Placement of devout Sabbath observers hasn't been too difficult for the organization, the story of the

red beard being one in the special category case.

A more typical problem was that of the East side baker who wanted to keep his store closed on the Sabbath. The Bakers Union told him to keep open, or else. So the Orthodox baker came to the Council.

He told Rabbi Irving Kurtz, executive chairman, that his five union employees didn't mind having Saturday off but the union contract insisted that they work on the Sabbath and that the union was making threats. The Council opened negotiations and a new contract with a Sabbath clause finally was drawn up.

"No Jew should be penalized because of his desire to observe the Sabbath," is Rabbi Kurtz's argument. "Our Council tries to help the Sabbath observer, as well as to strengthen the Sabbath observance movement."

The case of the recalcitrant union was a rare one, Rabbi Kurtz said. The majority of cases the Council deals with are Blue Law violations and

job problems. New York State law bans public selling on Sunday, and many Orthodox Jews who keep their stores closed Saturdays must stay open Sunday to make a profit.

Violations of the Blue Law are frequently ignored but when police receive an indignant complaint that so-and-so is keeping his grocery store or barber shop open on Sunday, they must follow up the complaint with a summons.

When the Council is informed of the receipt of such a summons, it contacts the magistrate in question, explains the violation and the case usually will get special consideration. Sometimes the office of the Police Commissioner must be contacted, however.

To spare the Sabbath-observing Jew from violations, the Council is campaigning for an amendment to the Blue Law, on the contention that as long as a person shows that he considers a day other than Sunday his day of rest, he should be permitted to do business on Sunday.

## Butchers Threaten To Stay Open Saturday

# Chicago Rabbis Refuse Demand For Ban On Kosher Frozen Meat

By ASHER BIRNBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

CHICAGO (NJP)—Orthodox rabbis of Chicago this week rejected demands of Chicago butchers that they act to halt distribution of recently-introduced frozen kosher meat products.

At a meeting Sunday, attended by 50 butchers and four rabbis, butchers complained that the new King David products would be available for Sabbath sale because they are handled by grocery stores and delicatessens that do not close on Saturday.

Phil Cohen, manager of the Kosher Butchers Association, warned that butchers might forego Sabbath observance in order to meet the competition.

Representatives of the Merkaz Harabonim, Orthodox Rabbinical group, scolded Cohen for making the threat and said that questions of Kashrut should be decided by rabbis rather than through public meetings.

### They'll Study It

A resolution adopted at the meeting called for further study by a rabbinical committee and representatives of the butchers and ritual slaughterers. Cohen introduced the resolution and it was approved by the rabbis.

At an earlier meeting of the entire Merkaz Harabonim, the rabbis ruled that the frozen products meet all kosher requirements. Butchers had asked for a decision on the issue.

The consensus of the Sunday meeting was the need for a per-

manent rabbinical organization capable of quick decision and enforcement on questions of kashrut.

Despite previous overtures, no recent attempt has been made to have Orthodox and Conservative rabbis consider together the problems affecting all Jews who keep Kosher homes.

A prominent lay-leader told the Post that the Joint Kashrut commission, formed last April, has taken no part in the current controversy. The commission, representing six groups, consists of Conservative and Orthodox laymen, women and rabbis.

The group has been inactive since its chairman, Rabbi Monroe J. Levens, left Chicago. At that time, The Post was told that "a big strong rabbi, capable of dealing with the kosher butchers" was being sought as a replacement for Levens.

An expert from Holland has been invited to come to the Negev in order to advise settlers on intensified cultivation.

## Kosher Meat Prices Cut

NEW YORK—All kosher meat prices at the Kingsway Food Mart in Bbrooklyn will be reduced by a flat 25 per cent, owner Jack Kleinman reported this week.

Kleinman got himself some fancy publicity by presenting customers at his Fort Greene Retail Market with free sandwiches and coffee in a bid to keep his sales up. Customers at the kosher market got only the price cuts.

Kleinman said he was offering the free food and price cuts on meat, milk, eggs and butter because customers were not buying meat as much as they used to.

## Florida Governor Asks Law To Ban KKK

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Gov. Fuller Warren, blistering the Ku Klux Klan as "hooded hoodlums and sheeted jerks," said this week he will ask the 1949 legislature to outlaw the Klan "and any other terrorist organization" in Florida.

He made the announcement soon after the KKK staged a 43-car parade through Tallahassee. Six men who participated were arrested for displaying improper license tags. Four of them gave Georgia addresses.

"These hooded hoodlums and sheeted jerks who paraded the streets of Tallahassee made a disgusting and alarming spectacle," the governor said. "These covered cowards who call themselves klansmen quite obviously have set out to terrorize minority groups in Florida as they have in a near-by state."

## Is It Vegetable Or Animal?

# Orthodox Rabbi Asks U. S. Law For Clear Label On Shortening

WASHINGTON—(NJP)—Positive identification of shortening in bread and similar products was urged last week by a Baltimore rabbi speaking on behalf of Orthodox Jews at a hearing before the Federal Security Agency, Food and Drug Administration.

Rabbi Nathan Drazin, spiritual leader of Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation and a member of the Praesidium of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Baltimore, said the term "shortening" on such products in the past has been a source of confusion to Jews concerned with Kashrut.

He urged that in the future positive labelling should include the terms "animal shortening" or "vegetable shortening." He read a memorandum clarifying the Biblical injunction against the use of lard of other animal shortening.

Representatives of large food industries represented at the hearing cross-examined the Baltimore rabbi, who spoke for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and its two affiliated groups, the Rabbinical Council of America and the Women's Branch of the Union.

Federal officials indicated that a ruling on Rabbi Drazin's request would not be available until all federal hearings involving food products are completed. It was indicated that several months would be involved.

## U. S. Says Latvia DP Not Gestapo Chief

NEW YORK — (JTA) — Theodore Danilow, a Latvian DP who upon his arrival in this country was detained for questioning as a result of a statement by a HIAS pier service worker that he might be a former Nazi agent in Riga, has been vindicated at a Department of Immigration hearing, it was reported this week in a statement issued by the HIAS. The case was considered by immigration officials as one of "mistaken identity," the statement declared.

It added that Simon Mirkin, the HIAS employee, who was an inmate of a Nazi concentration camp in Latvia, and another former displaced person, "merely

## Chicago Jews First To Mark Legal Gov't

CHICAGO—(NJP) — Chicago Jewry this week became the first U. S. Jewish community to celebrate establishment of a legally constituted government for the new Jewish State.

All major Jewish organizations will sponsor a huge "Rally for Israel," Feb. 13, Rabbi Morton M. Berman, chairman of the Chicago Zionist Emergency Council, announced.

asked for an investigation of Danilow when they recognized his name as that of a former Gestapo man in Latvia." Both appeared at the hearing held by the Department of Immigration following which Danilow was permitted to enter this country.

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## Women's Viewpoint

### "HORSECARS AND COBBLESTONES" SPRITELY AMERICAN-JEWISH TALE

By HELEN COHEN

**S**OPHIE Ruskay of Long Island, N. Y. has added a spritely and charming little volume of new childhood reminiscences to the ever-growing list of books on Jewish life in America.

Her story, "Horsecars and Cobblestones," published by the Beechhurst Press, could just as well have been entitled "Life With Mother." Sophie's wise, handsome, efficient and hard-working mother stands out from the rest of the people in the book like a beacon.

Mama not only led Sophie and her six (count 'em) brothers along the right paths of Jewish learning, with music lessons for all on the side (plus elocution and dancing for her only daughter) but also with her husband she masterminded their small shirt factory into a great manufacturing concern. And when she had time, charity was the benefactor.

Never, at least in the early pages of the book, was mama depicted without some mending in her busy hands. (All right, so she had a good cook to help in the kitchen. There's a limit to what one human being can do, even Sophie's mother.)

One of the special pleasures of the book for me were the many hamish yiddish words interspersed through the pages.

And the chapter on her brother's Bar Mitzvah contains a paragraph which draws the same conclusion this column did recently, on dramatizing religion for children:

"Bar Mitzvahs, festivals, fast days—was this all we knew of religion? Was there nothing more? What of the prayers we read over and over and understood so little? To love justice, to do righteously . . . to remember the poor, the orphan and the widow—did some of these commands from the Bible seep down into the deep consciousness we call our souls? I believe they did. But the ceremonies and observance of the Synagogue and the home gave color and substance to what I fear would otherwise have been for us children at least cold and meaningless moral laws."

Sophie Ruskay. (Mrs. Cecil B. Ruskay) has raised a family of five sons and a daughter herself and has been active in civic and political affairs. Although she was defeated in 1946 as a candidate for the N. Y. state legislature, she ran far ahead of her ticket.

★ ★ ★  
**I**T'S getting almost monotonous to keep reporting to you on the ideas of Rabbi Jerome Folkman of Columbus, Ohio. But I guess we can't blame him if he is continually alert to new possibilities in spiritual leadership.

Now I see by his bulletin that on the Friday evening services during Chanukah, a candle-light service was arranged which featured the reading of several Psalms of David to the accompaniment of harp music. (Only the candle-light was used to illumine the Temple until the traditional Chanukah-lighting ceremony was completed.)

It may not fit in with your idea of a Friday evening service, yet as part of the Jewish tradition the pieces fit together perfectly: Chanukah candles—harp—Psalms of David.

★ ★ ★  
**I**VE been exposed to an unforeseen by-product of a local newspaper war and all I can say is "foul play."

To be more explicit, when two of the papers, the morning STAR and the afternoon NEWS combined forces recently, the afternoon TIMES felt compelled to begin publishing a Sunday edition also. It pointed out that its Sunday paper would be different—just news—which was all well and good, except that it also contained comics.

Now the Cohens get both Sunday papers and those of you who have other tasks to perform on Sunday besides reading the comics to your eager young "funnies" fans can understand why I felt so put-upon. (Of course, mother doesn't enjoy the funnies herself.)

★ ★ ★  
**W**E'LL knock them into such a state of vertiginousness, they won't know what struck them."

A fifth grade Sunday school pupil made this forecast of a fathers and childrens spelling bee which the Beth El Mens Club of Indianapolis sponsored last month.

At least that's what the Men's Club Bulletin reported.

But to make sure that the small fry didn't get any mistaken notions about the caliber of their decrepit and elderly opponents, the bulletin used the following headline on its spelling bee announcement:

Progenitors Vertiginousness Prognosticated.

## Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, Feb. 6—Rabbi Irving Miller, noted Zionist leader, in the first of four talks, "Freedom, a Spiritual Possession," on "Message of Israel," 10 a.m. EST., ABC.

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**Bobroff Lin**

● Julius Bobroff, 2726 Pine Grove, Chicago writes:

I would like to know the meaning of my surname. I will tell you this much if it will be of any help: As one can plainly see, my name "Bobroff" is a Russian name. My father came from a village called Lutzn which I believe is a few miles south of Moscow. I am studying Russian in school, and I was told by my instructor that my name possibly came from the word "Bob," meaning a bean.



Bobroff is a surname of geographical origin. It is derived from the name of the town of Bobrov in the Government of Voronezh in Russia. The town itself has no connection with "Bob." Its root is the Russian word "bobr," a beaver. In other words, "Bobroff" means "Beaver-town."

● Harry Linn writes:

Can you please tell me the origin of the name Lin? My father came from a small town by the name of Domaczewa in the province of Grodno.

Lin is a contraction of the name Lion. The original Hebrew name was Judah. Children named Judah would often receive the byname of Leib or Lion, because the patriarch Jacob called Judah "a young lion." When Jews of Eastern Europe first took family names, a man named Judah often took his byname as his family name. In the Hebrew script the "o" was often omitted and so Lion became transformed into Lin.

## Mrs. Wadel Heads UJA Women Again

NEW YORK—Mrs. Ernest G. Wadel, Dallas, has been named chairman again of the national women's division of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced this week.



American Jewish women contributing \$18,250,000 of the \$150,000,000 MRS. WADEL raised by the UJA last year, raising more

## What Foods These Morsels Be

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**L**ET'S talk about something warm and nourishing today, to help us forget the chilly weather—like Roast Beef.

### ROAST BEEF

Use a rib roast, either standing or rolled. A standing rib roast is one in which the bones have been left, a rolled rib roast is one in which the bones have been removed and the meat rolled up and tied around with string. The smaller the roast, the more it will shrink during cooking: for best results, therefore, use a roast which weighs at least 5 pounds and is at least 4 inches thick.

The roasting pan should not be covered. Many housewives do not realize it, but meat which is cooked in a covered pan is not roasted but steamed or pot-roasted; for even though no water is added, the moisture in the meat itself provides sufficient steam to cook it.

### Number 1: Even-Temperature Method

Sprinkle the meat with salt, using about ½ teaspoon for each pound of meat. Sprinkle with pepper, or rub with an onion or clove of garlic cut in two. Preferably, sprinkle with flour. Place the meat in the roasting pan fat side up, and if a rolled roast slip a rack or trivet under it to keep the bottom from over-cooking. Pre-heat the oven to 325 or 350 degrees, and let the meat cook at this temperature until done. Do not cover the roasting pan. Do not add any water. Basting will not be necessary unless the meat is very lean. If the oven is heated to higher than 350 degrees, the meat will cook more quickly, but will not cook as evenly and will shrink more.

As for broiling, no definite time can be given for roasting, because this depends not only on the shape and size of the meat and the proportion of bone it includes, but also on the type of animal from which the meat was cut. The following figures are for a standing rib roast cooked at an even temperature of 325 degrees and sliced immediately upon being removed from the oven. Allow 10 minutes longer per pound for a rolled rib roast. If the roast is not sliced immediately, its internal temperature will continue to rise and it will continue to cook for from 15 to 45 minutes after it has been removed from the oven, depending on its weight and thickness; in which case, a few minutes less will be required per pound for cooking in the oven.

(Rare)	(Medium)	(Well Done)
Allow 25 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 21 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.	Allow 35 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 27 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.	Allow 40 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 33 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.

The advantage of this method over the Searing method is that it requires less fuel, and the meat will be more evenly cooked throughout. It also will not shrink quite so much. The disadvantage of this method is that the meat will not be quite so nicely browned; but this disadvantage can be easily overcome by increasing the heat to searing temperature (500 degrees) during the last 20 to 30 minutes of roasting.

### Number 2: Searing Method

Follow the directions for the Even-Temperature method, except for the following differences: Pre-heat the oven to 500 degrees, and brown the meat on all sides for 20 to 30 minutes. Then reduce the heat to 325 degrees, and finish cooking at this temperature. This method has nothing to recommend it over the Even-Temperature method, but is given for those who may wish to use it.

The following figures are for a standing rib roast cooked by the method just described and sliced immediately upon being removed from the oven. Allow 10 minutes longer per pound for a rolled rib roast.

(Rare)	(Medium)	(Well Done)
Allow 20 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 18 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.	Allow 25 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 22 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.	Allow 35 minutes per pound for roasts under 5 pounds, and 30 minutes per pound for roasts over 5 pounds.

money than had ever before been given to a philanthropic drive, UJA officials said.

The women's division was set up in 1946.

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## CALENDAR

Purim ----- Tues., March 15  
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(All holidays begin on the preceding evening at sundown).

Friday, February 4, 1949

## The Editor's Chair

The following correspondence is self-explanatory. I wonder why anyone would think at this late date that The Post is afraid to print anything. As for me, when Rabbi Drazin's letter first came in, I thought it was a personal note. Then when, after a few weeks, he wrote to Mr. Gallob that his letter was for publication, I planned to drop Dr. Drazin a note. What with being out of town, and a pile of correspondence higher than the Christmas trees in Jewish homes, I hadn't as yet gotten around to it, when the following letter came in.

As for my present feeling towards the organ at my congregation, I have been to services at Beth El since that opening service in October only once.

The Post, it should be known, receives many letters it doesn't print. And many of the letters it does print are cut drastically because of our space requirements. Dr. Drazin is in error when he wrote in The Jewish Times that we have it as our publicly claimed policy of publishing all news and letters to the editor impartially.

Then his inference that the letter wasn't printed because it presented an Orthodox viewpoint is totally unwarranted. Orthodoxy gets the same treatment in The Post as Conservatism or Reform. There has never been any preference shown to any of three groupings in U. S. Judaism, and never will be. In fact, this policy of fair reporting of the doings of Orthodoxy has won The Post the friendship of most Orthodox rabbis, including Rabbi Drazin.

Anyway, here is the correspondence:

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am enclosing herein a copy of an article that appeared in The Jewish Times of Baltimore of December 24, last.

I can assure you that I wrote this little article without any malice. I appreciate the difficult spot you were in. However, I feel that "Freedom of the Press" should have outweighed personal considerations. Furthermore, my letter to you on November 8, I believe, presented a fundamental tenet of Orthodox Judaism, that I would like to see widely circulated and appreciated. You still may repent.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I am,

RABBI NATHAN DRAZIN

## FREEDOM OF THE PRESS DENIED TO ORTHODOX POINT OF VIEW

### THE ORGAN AT SERVICES

By Rabbi Dr. Nathan Drazin

The National Jewish Post, published in Indianapolis, Indiana, has recently failed to live up to its publicly claimed policy of publishing all news and letters to the Editor, impartially. The National Jewish Post publishes each week a page entitled "Freedom of the Press." The Editor always has claimed that his title is lived up to 100 per cent, including all points of view, wheth-

er they be Zionist, anti-Zionist, Orthodox, Conservative or Reformed. Recently, an obvious exception has been made in regard to the Orthodox point of view.

In the November 5, 1948, issue, the following editorial appeared under the title of "The Editor's Chair":

"When the organ was played for the first time at services at my own conservative congregation—Beth El in Indianapolis—my emotions were mixed. Something in my Orthodox background felt resentful. It was like an intrusion of a foreign element. But, as was pointed out by a man whom I'd better not involve in this piece, it will take several months before I know my own mind on this matter."

On November 8, 1948, I wrote the following letter to Mr. Gabriel Cohen, editor of the National Jewish Post:

I read with keen interest your reaction when you heard the organ played for the first time at the Sabbath service at your own conservative congregation, Beth El in Indianapolis, reported in The Editor's Chair of November 5, 1948.

Let me repeat your fine description: "Something in my Orthodox background felt resentful. It was like an intrusion of a foreign element." This was the good, uncontaminated Jewish conscience, speaking. You add however: "But, as was pointed out by a man whom I'd better not involve in this piece, it will take several months before I know my own mind on this matter."

Although I am not a prophet, I know who that man was. However, I shall follow your lead and will not name him. I just want to tell you that this man knows a little bit of the Talmud. He knows the Talmud saying of Tractate Yoma, 86b: "Once a man commits a transgression and repeats it, it becomes to him like a permitted thing." And this man has used this Talmudic knowledge cynically for his own design to mislead you. As for myself, I shall always remember, Gabriel, with affection, that good healthy Jewish conscience of yours, pure and uncontaminated, of November 5, 1948.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Nathan Drazin,

On December 5, 1948, I received, to my amazement, the following note from Mr. Ben Gallob, Managing Editor of the National Jewish Post: "Sorry, we couldn't use your letter."

The next day, I answered Mr. Gallob as follows: "Freedom of the Press." Where art thou? No further comment is necessary.

MY NAME IS NOW mud in Dayton, and all through nobody's fault, not even my own. I was scheduled to speak before Rabbi Jacob B. Agus's Brotherhood several weeks ago. I prepared my speech, went on over to Dayton, partook of a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Agus, and just about then it began to hail.

With some difficulty Rabbi Agus and I drove over to the Center. The streets were lined with ice. At about 8 o'clock a lone straggler came in; and we held a hurried conference. I was enroute to Atlantic City to cover the United Jewish Appeal meeting, and there was the Jeffersonian at 8:15 and another at 2 a. m. There was a lone chance that if I rushed I might catch the

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## The ZOA Administration Is Facing A Defeat

THAT there is going to be a long and bitter struggle between the ZOA administration and the Committee of Progressive Zionism for control of the Zionist Organization of America is a foregone conclusion. Even those who some months ago were pooh-poohing the CPZ as a small group of malcontents, now know the score.

At least the ZOA Administration recognizes the full seriousness of the situation.

But that administration will probably suffer a defeat, if for no other reason than it has lost touch with the Jewish hinterlands, as any place outside of New York is known. And having lost that touch, the administration is unable to gauge the remarkable upsurge in Zionist intelligence over the past few years.

The administration is still at the level in its thinking that all that is necessary to achieve an objective is to call a mass meeting or to blanket the country with telegrams to its various officers and chief supporters throughout the country.

But there has been a radical change; and the fumbling of the administration in the present instance is almost pathetic. It is due for a rude awakening unless it gets and accepts guidance.

A telegram from ZOA headquarters gets searching scrutiny these days. People in Missouri or Indiana or Kentucky don't rush to get their hat and follow administration directives without some deep deliberation on their own. They ask questions. They want to know what's behind this and that.

And they have learned by now that they get no answers. A speech, a resolution, yes; but an understanding of the true implications, a chance to voice their opinions and a down to earth talk treating the hinterlands people as equals, not as vassals, that is not forthcoming. If it were, some grave mistakes might have been avoided.

But that is the way of all things. The present ZOA leadership is human. Its principal successes have been by brute strength and dauntless courage. Today is another day. The Zionists throughout the country want to be loyal, but there is so much going on that they are kept in the dark about, that they are beginning to rebel, if only inwardly at present.

What the CPZ program will be is impossible to tell at this hour. But here too, the leadership is immature, albeit sincere and determined.

There is no question but that Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann command great respect wherever they go in U. S. Zionist circles. And their leadership will be an important factor when the chips are down. Rabbi Silver may, it is com-

monly recognized, run for the presidency of the ZOA again, but if such an eventuality takes place, he will forestall the ascendancy of the CPZ for only another year or so.

Several months ago, the administration was claiming that the UPA was not under its domination. Today it has dropped this pretense and argues that the UPA is a necessary ZOA instrument and a vital part of its program.

For some time too the administration has been claiming that the CPZ wants to take over the ZOA, merely to liquidate Zionism in the U. S.

Another equally ridiculous charge is that the Committee of Contributors (the same thing, in this paper's estimation, as the CPZ) broke its agreement with the UPA when it reopened the Montor issue. It is true that agreement did not mention Montor, but even more serious is the fact that the UPA has not until this day implemented that agreement; nor has the UPA board held a meeting for at least two years despite the importunations of many prominent Zionists on that board.

It is this kind of activity by the administration which is undermining the confidence of thoughtful Zionists. For years the ZOA administration has been cracking the whip on the dogma of "Zionist discipline," but that seemed only to apply to situations in which the other fellow was involved. Now that the Jewish Agency is preparing to render a decision on the UJA situation, which the ZOA administration might not find to its liking, Zionist discipline has no meaning.

The ZOA administration has much to its credit. But Winston Churchill was turned out of office after he had brought about the remarkable victory of the Allies and the ZOA administration can be turned aside, despite its remarkable record of services to the cause of Zionism.

Internal conflict, unsupported charges, etc., may bring this to pass. The chances are that the tide cannot be stayed at this late date.

It is unfortunate that the ZOA administration still does not understand the revolution in Zionist ranks throughout the country in the past few years. The continuation in the future of the administration tactics of the past few months will make the administration's unseating inevitable.

This is a frank editorial. The Post is not as yet taking sides in the controversy. The Post hopes for a compromise that will avert the impending struggle. But the thinking of the administration at this moment is such that it will never yield.

## Should We Use Sanctions in Jewish Life?

RABBI Henry Fisher's declaration that sanctions should be applied to those Jews who misbehave in a way to reflect discredit on the Jewish community, is important—although impractical—from the standpoint that it is another indication of the demand for some kind of order in Jewish community life.

Obviously, in a voluntary society such as the present-day Jewish community, there will never come the time when sanctions can be applied by force. But Rabbi Fisher, who knows his American Jewish community, did provide a solution for the unnecessary conflicts and acts of lese majeste on the part of individuals.

According to the dispatch from Chicago in last week's Post, Rabbi Fisher said that "even without resorting to excommunication, rabbis always wielded enough power to induce individuals to cooperate with the community."

A logical extension of this sentence is that Rabbi Fisher believes that a rabbi by saying what he thinks about certain violations of either morals or ethics, can usually bring the recalcitrant individual or group into line.

For instance, in connection with Friday evening parties and balls on New Year's eve, what

rabbis could not by making a public issue of the matter have been able to see that these affairs were cancelled? Of course in some cases it probably would have meant the rabbi's job, but in every fight there will always be a few martyrs.

It is in this connection that the rabbis should know that they have a valuable ally in the Anglo-Jewish press. Many of the desecrations in Jewish life can be avoided by merely going to the press.

Dan-Arnstein may have been successful in seeing Temple Isaiah, of Miami Beach, moved, but it is doubtful that another such instance will happen again. Mr. Arnstein has lost more in public esteem by his act than he built up all through his patriotic war efforts.

Many ills can be overcome by using the free channels of information provided in the Anglo-Jewish press. This press is ready and willing to serve in the cause; but it is not to be expected that the Anglo-Jewish press will fight the battles for the rabbinate and the Jewish community without support for those to whom these issues are of first importance—the rabbis and the Jewish community.

## How To Get Sabbath Observance

THE charge of Rabbi Max D. Klein of Philadelphia that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held session on the Sabbath at its recent General Assembly in that city is accurate, and The Post is glad to see the Rabbi stand up and say so.

But all national Jewish organizations, almost without exception, schedule sessions on Saturdays. Only the Zionist Organization of America, and perhaps one or two other organizations, hold no business sessions whatsoever on the Sabbath. In the case of the CJFW, it should be said that no sessions were scheduled on Saturday, except an Oneg Shabbat. The Saturday morning session was an unscheduled carry-over from Friday afternoon's meeting.

Jewish organizations are careful in their public conduct on Sundays in order not to offend the religious sensibilities of the non-Jew. Then why not pay the same respect to our own religion?

The surprising thing about all this is the way our rabbinate has been cowed into accepting the situation to the point where they often participate in these sessions as wholeheartedly as any other delegate.

Rabbi Klein is not the only Rabbi in Philadelphia who knew what was going on.

All signs indicate that the rabbis are not long going to sit by silently. Especially is the younger rabbinate losing patience. And it is high time.



Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

## Freedom of The Press

Unsigned letters will not be printed. Address The Jewish Post Box 1633 Indianapolis, Ind.

### ANTI-RED LEAGUE ANSWERS BLAST; SAYS PROGRAM ONE OF VITAL NEED

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

In your issue of December 31, there appeared a letter attacking the American Jewish League Against Communism, Inc. It was couched in terms of personal vilification. Naturally, we resist any temptation to reply on that level, and we are confident that you will grant us space to correct possible erroneous impressions gained by your readers.

This national organization was founded in March, 1948. On our advisory council are several members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, orthodox rabbis, the head of a Yeshiva, the managing editor of the most respected Jewish quarterly, present and past presidents of congregations, noted labor leaders, writers, and the former president of the Jewish Charities of the largest Jewish community in the world. We are all united on these principles:

Communism, like Fascism and Nazism, is the enemy of Judaism, a religion stressing liberty and the sanctity of the individual. Today, Communist aggression is forcing a new slavery upon large sections of the free world. Both as Americans and as Jews we must meet and combat this threat to our country and to humanity.

As Jews, we have an especial concern with that menace. Throughout history, the Jews have been the victims of tyranny, even as they are now the first target of totalitarian dictatorship.

It is our aim and purpose to turn the spotlight of pitiless publicity on the attempts of Communist agitators to exploit Jewish grievances for sinister and disloyal ends. To unfold the horrible and long-suppressed truths about the Soviet persecution of Jewish religion and of Hebrew education and culture in Russia. To bring into the full limelight the facts about the economic destitution visited upon the Jewish communities by the Communist dictatorships wherever they hold

sway, from the Volga to the Danube.

There is plenty of Communist infiltration within Christian circles. True Christians are fighting this because Red dictatorial philosophy is opposed to Christianity. True Jews are fighting Communism because this cruel, materialistic philosophy is opposed to Judaism.

We shall therefore continue to expose and resist with all the lawful resources at our command every Communist effort to bore from within Jewish, as well as all religious life, in order to undermine the spiritual defenses of America. It is also our task to educate the Jewish public on the extent and danger of Communist infiltration in Jewish organizations and institutions.

During the past few months, this League has done a job that no other organization has been equipped to do. In the name of everything decent that is being harassed throughout the world today, the American Jewish League Against Communism is entitled to the support of American Jews; and we are happy to state that we are getting that support in ever greater measure.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
RABBI  
ASCHER M. YAGER.

Ed. Note: The letter to which Rabbi Yager refers was written by Hanan Costeff of Peoria, Ill. Reader Costeff said the personnel of the League was "no more savory than its program." He listed Eugene Lyons, George Sokolsky and Isaac Don Levine, and said they had never been active in Jewish causes and that for himself he repudiated such men as "the men who now pretend to the Gentile to be the political spokesmen for the Jew." He said that "This is not a Jewish organization. It does not even pretend to have any Jewish content." B.G.

### HE SAYS REMEDY FOR YULE TREES IN JEWISH HOMES IS EDUCATION

● Editor, National Jewish Post: Concerning your Editor's Chair of Jan. 7:

Why all this complaining? It is not up to you to make saints out of a Dor ikesh. I hope you will get the drift of my thoughts. I am just an ordinary layman but I have not forgotten. It hurt me, too, to drive to town with an American-born Jewish person who goes into ecstasies when observing the green and red semaphores lights! In a case like that I say: don't you know that if it had not been for Chanukah, there would be no Christmas? And nine times out of ten, they do not know what I refer to. Oh, I do not altogether blame the rabbis for the absenteeism they complain about. But I do not see that they are trying to get at the root of the cause.

My remedy would be to begin early and teach more than one hour a week and only 35 or 40 weeks. If the story of our martyrs and heroes were taught to our young beginning at seven years of age, they would never forget.

On the other hand, when were we, our people, any better? You may repeat with Israel: "Israel

does not know, the people do not consider." The prophets prayed for the day when knowledge would be as plentiful as water. About the worst phase of our multiple methods of Jewish education is the half-baked Orthodoxy. Paraphrasing the sayings of a certain Jew whom the Gentiles accept as divinity: "they strain on a gnat and swallow a camel." They refuse to daven maariv if only nine men show up but I saw recently at a minyan for Kaddish two young men, one 15 and one about 22, using the yarmalke and having a friend read the Kaddish for them to repeat after him. And where is the authority for not admitting good Jewish women to make a quorum when willing to glorify God with prayers? I hope you find space for this in your next issue as I would like to hear from some of your critics.

E. A. REICH  
Huntington, W. Va.

Ed. Note: Reader Reich refers to the Editor's Chair commenting on the widespread use in Jewish homes last Christmas of Christmas trees and other symbols of a Christian religious observance. B. G.

### WITH THE RABBIS

Rabbi Benjamin Groner has resigned as spiritual leader of congregation Shaar Hashomayim of Windsor to become rabbi at Hyde Park Hebrew Center in Chicago. A graduate of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, he served in Windsor for six and a half years.

Rabbi Norman Siegel, spiritual leader of Beth Israel congregation of New Orleans for the past three years, has accepted the pulpit of Congregation Shomray Hadath in Elmira, N. Y.

Rabbi Richard C. Hertz, assistant rabbi at Chicago Sinai Congregation, and Mrs. Hertz are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby daughter. The proud grandparents are Rabbi Louis L. Mann and Mrs. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hertz of Milwaukee.

### The Editor's Chair.

(Continued from preceding page) Jeffersonian.

We decided that no one would turn up at the meeting; and the lone straggler rushed me down to the station where I just barely got aboard.

That was all I heard until Oscar Leonard began to tell me Sunday that he got a late call just after eight o'clock that same evening in Dayton wanting to know if he'd pinch hit at a meeting for someone who ran out on them. There were between 35 and 50 people present. Oscar was in Dayton on a Jewish National Fund meeting.

So now you understand why, through no fault of my own, I'm on the black list in Dayton.

### Raps Liebman Blow At Histadrut Drive

● Editor, National Jewish Post: I agree with Seymour N. Liebman when he says that "multiplicity of fund raising causes" in the U. S. "will have the people here in a state of confusion."

Surely he could have chosen one of the later and newer funds instead of the well-established Histadrut campaign which has been accepted for many years along with the UJA.

He might as well have chosen the Jewish National Fund. That certainly is "socialistic." What's eating him; aren't the ZOA debentures going over?

If Liebman's article was thought worthy of your newspaper, then I would recommend an article in the December issue of FURROWS, by Akiba Eger, "The General Zionist Groups."

Perhaps it would be less confusing than Liebman's article. It's high time that the General Zionists too understood the issues behind some of their leaders' words.

While this may be a lengthy note, nevertheless, I wish to comment on Rabbi Brickner's article by simply saying:

I haven't always agreed with M. Z. Frank but in his analysis of the rabbi's request for a new party, I find myself in complete accord. Please tell Rabbi Brickner that we're over-organized already, that in none of his suggestions is there anything new. He belongs to the Labor branch of Zionism but hasn't as yet reached the courage of Rabbi Heller.

I had to get all of this off my chest. Sometimes as I read some of the articles in your paper, I'm fit to bursting.

(MRS.) FANNIE SEIGEN  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

### ORTHODOXY SINS NO LESS THAN CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM, READER SAYS

● Editor, National Jewish Post.

I have read with great interest the letter written to you by Rabbi Samuel Edelman of Dover, N. J., in the National Jewish Post of Jan. 7.

I fully agree with the writer that Conservative Judaism should definitely clarify its stand on vital religious matters. With the writer, I deplore the absence of consistency and the lack of adherence to principles. However, as an unbiased layman and in all fairness, may I point out that there is a great deal of inconsistency and lack of principles prevailing even in Orthodox institutions of learning and particularly in the Yeshiva Isaac Elchanan and in the religious behavior of many of its graduates?

1. Do you know that many Yeshiva graduates accept pulpits of Conservative congregations where men and women sit together, and that they do not even make an attempt to change this practice, as long as they can get or hold a job?

2. Do you know that they are even recommended by the Yeshiva for such positions and are given no instructions to leave these posts if they can't make them real Orthodox congregations?

3. Do you know that some Yeshiva graduates appear at their sisterhood luncheons held in trefah restaurants, without taking a firm stand to oppose this practice?

4. Do you know that many Ye-

shiva rabbis permit Christian ministers to occupy their pulpits on various occasions and do not hesitate to preach in churches if they can thus please their assimilated Balebattim?

5. Do you know that some Yeshiva rabbis permit women to speak from their pulpits near the "Oron Kodesh" at "late Friday night services?"

6. Do you know that some Yeshiva graduates close their eyes to the fact that the kitchens in their synagogues are not strictly kosher?

7. We could enumerate many more instances where Yeshiva rabbis do not act at all in accordance with the principles of Orthodox Judaism and yet they are not criticized by their organization. The fact that they are Yeshiva graduates seems to condone everything and to give them a "Hechsher" for all untraditional practices. As long as they are affiliated with a "kosher" organization, they can act Conservative and still be considered Orthodox.

In all fairness to Jewish institutions and ideologies, it is only right to demand that not only the Jewish Theological Seminary, seat of Conservative Judaism, should have a platform but that also the Yeshiva Isaac Elchanan, the supposed seat of Orthodoxy, and those graduated from this institution should become consistent and live up to their platform—the Shulchan Aruch.

SEYMOUR GREENSTONE  
New York City.

### Report 30 New Reform Temples In 2 Years

LAWRENCE, L. I.—During the past two years, 30 new reform congregations have been founded throughout the United States, Dr. Maurice M. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, reported last week.

He said there had been an almost 20 per cent increase in the number of congregations and a 40 per cent increase in the number of members during the past five years.

Dr. Eisendrath made the disclosures in a talk at the 75th birthday dinner here in honor of Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The dinner, first of a series of similar celebrations, was held at Temple Israel of Lawrence.

### Rabbi Wanted

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### Rabbi Porath Takes Trenton Post

PHILADELPHIA — (NJP) — Rabbi Tzvi H. Porath, district director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, has resigned to take the post of rabbi-executive director of the Brith Sholom Community Center, Bethlehem, Pa.

Rabbi Porath was with the BBYO since 1946 when he was discharged from the Army in which he served as a Chaplain.

### Seeks New Pulpit

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## Jews In Sports

### TWO RECENT CAGE SCANDALS INVOLVED JEWS; REACTION BAD

By HASKELL COHEN

NAT Holman is vacationing in Florida while his City College cagers finish up mid-year finals. Just as soon as the Laverder mentor returns from southern climes the Beavers board a plane for a trip to the West Coast where the boys will take on San Francisco in a return game and mix with one or two other top notch Coast quintets. Bobby Sand, clever little freshman coach, is handling the City practice sessions during Holman's well earned vacation. Bobby will accompany the varsity westward and will not be on the frosh bench when they meet the undefeated St. Johns freshman five in an important engagement.



Clair Bee and his Long Island Blackbirds preceded the Beavers to the Coast. Long Island takes on eight of the toughest teams in the country during its two-week tour of the country. The Blackbirds are also going by plane and Lenny Lewin of the N. Y. Daily Mirror, who handles LIU publicity, will accompany the squad. Lou Lipman, Eddie Gard, and Nate Miller will be among the starters making the journey. Irv Horn and Dan Troppin will also be included in the traveling group.

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ANOTHER Mosberg, scion of a famous name in sports, has come along to continue the family name in athletic competition. Norman Mosberg, son of Joe and nephew of Sammy, the Olympic lightweight boxing champ during 1920, is adding to the family laurels at Syracuse. Son of a New York State amateur boxing champion in 1927, young Norman attended Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn, home of many famous athletes, where he decided to carve out a name for himself in swimming. In his senior year he cracked the relay record in the 120-yard sprint together with two other aces. At Syracuse he was prevailed upon to try out for the ring sport and took to the squared circle

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with alacrity. He was never tutored by his dad or Uncle Sammy, only by the famous Syracuse ring coach, Roy Simmons.

By the time this column hits print Norman will have drawn or spilled blood in his freshman boxing debut against a West Point cadet in the 125-pound class.

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ONE of the four men seized in that George Washington College hoop bribe case when Dave Shapiro played smart and turned the would-be fixers over to the New York police was waiting for a kid cousin to finish high school. The young cousin is a star on one of the better Metropolitan hoop squads with a year to go. The fixer was waiting to send the young boy to a college out of town so that the youngster could help fix games.

When the thug broached the idea to the player's father the old man all but skinned the fixer alive and ran him out of the house. The kid would make ten thousand dollars a year by dumping games, the fixer started to tell the boy's parents when the father grabbed for the hoodlum's coat and pants.

How low can these penny ante gamblers get?

It is a very sad commentary to note that in the two most recent hoop fix cases all the participants involved were of Jewish extraction. In the George Washington case the fact that the hero was a young man named Shapiro blunted the blow somewhat. Another Jewish fixer stands to be sentenced in Philadelphia for trying to "buy" Joe Fuks, star of the Philly Warriors. When Joe reported the matter to Coach Eddie Gottlieb the matter was immediately turned over to the police for quick action.

Jewish sport fans in the midwest are amazed at this turn of events and admitted to the writer recently that these affairs are creating much ill feeling and contempt for all Jewish competitors, which is, of course silly, but nevertheless must be faced.

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NOTRE DAME is looking for a top-notch Jewish basketball player. So is DePaul, another Catholic School in the midwest area. While these two

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sterling hoop squads are trying to get Jewish players another big power in the eastern basketball firmament has turned thumbs down on Jewish performers after twenty years of big league play by their Jewish players.

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WHY is it that with Jewish boys predominating eastern college hoop circles only four college mentors are of Jewish extraction in the area along the Atlantic Seaboard?

New York high schools annually turn out dozens of high class basketball players of whom only a minority are lucky enough to win athletic scholarships. If these boys cannot secure scholarships to top basketball schools it behooves institutions like Yeshiva and Brandeis to field teams which can accommodate these "lost" kids. Otherwise many of them never get to college and enter the business fields at a young age, bitter and disillusioned.

### Luckman Considered For Two Coaching Jobs

NEW YORK—Sid Luckman, the fancy passing star of the Chicago Bears professional football team, was touted this week for two jobs, coach of the transplanted Boston Yanks, or head coach for Temple University's football squad.

Ted Collins, who bought the Boston pro team for New York competition, said the Jewish ace was due here soon for a talk on the Yanks job. George Halas, owner of the Bears, has notified Collins that the Chicago management won't stand in Luckman's way.

A spokesman for Temple said no one had applied for the job vacated Saturday by Ray Morrison. He added, however, that the school was "very much interested" in the Chicago ace.

Halas said he thought Luckman would be in there pitching passes for us next fall."

### Feb. 12 Set As Scout Sabbath

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Synagogue Council of America this week proclaimed Feb. 12 as Boy Scout Sabbath. It comes during Boy Scout Week, marking the 39th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Appropriate religious services will be conducted in Synagogues and Temples during which all qualified scouts will receive the Ner Tamid Award for Reverence. To obtain a Ner Tamid Award, a scout must show that he has satisfactory knowledge of Jewish history and that he has fulfilled certain home and Synagogue observances.

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### One Champion Talks To Another

Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, demonstrates some techniques in motor mechanics at his Chicago School of Automotive Trades to Cap. Abraham Arest, Histadrut delegate to the United States. The champ gave two scholarships to Histadrut (the General Congregation of Labor Unions in Palestine) and \$100 to the Histadrut campaign.

### JOE LOUIS SAYS HE HAS YEN TO VISIT ISRAEL SOME DAY

CHICAGO—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis told an Israeli army officer last week that he had a secret yen to visit Palestine.

The officer was Capt. Abraham Arest, Histadrut delegate to the United States and assistant military prosecutor of Jerusalem. Arest visited the Chicago School of Automotive Trades which Louis set up recently.

### N. U. Alumni Promise Bias Probe

CHICAGO (NJP) — In response to a rabbi's letter, evidence of discrimination at Northwestern University will be accepted and investigated, the executive committee of the university's Alumni Association decided at its January meeting, it was learned this week.

The letter, written by Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs, registrar of the College of Jewish Studies and a member of the association, asked the views of the group toward discrimination by the university. (NJP Jan. 14).

Dr. George W. Tuescher, alumni association president, told Rabbi Jacobs that the "best" universities in the country include discriminatory questions in their entrance application blanks.

Tuescher said he had been assured by the director of admissions that a quota policy was not in effect. He stressed that his group was "sympathetic and anxious to help" and that his committee would act if presented with specific cases of discrimination.

### Huge Jewish Library Dedicated In Chicago

CHICAGO (NJP)—A 30 thousand volume Jewish library was dedicated this week by the College of Jewish Studies.

The Leaf Library, containing books in Hebrew, Yiddish, English and other languages, is considered the finest Jewish library in the midwest.

Louis, in giving two scholarships to his school, said he looked forward to having the Israeli students so they can be trained "in the most modern methods of automotive mechanics."

Capt. Arest invited Louis to visit Israel and see for himself the development of Israeli sports and the work of the Histadrut.

Louis said he had always "had a sort of secret yen" to visit Palestine. He indicated special interest in the sports activities of Hapoel, the Israeli sports association, which Capt. Arest helped to found.

Louis said he was "anxious to do what I can for boxing in the new Jewish State."

### Scholarships Sought From Welfare Funds

NEW YORK (NJP)—The 350 members of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly throughout the U. S. were urged this week to start a fight for the establishment of scholarships by Jewish federals and welfare funds at the various national Jewish teachers institutes.

The proposal to the members was made by Rabbi David Aronson of Minneapolis, president. He said the action is aimed at carrying out the terms of a resolution adopted at the third annual conference on Jewish education last week.

He said that to speed achievement of higher standards of Jewish education to serve Jewish youth and the community, members of the Assembly are working to get larger appropriations for the congregational school and better pay for Jewish teachers.

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## WHEN DID GOD TALK TO FREDDY?

By DENA WENGER

"Mommy, does a person have to be real religious before God will talk to him?"

If Freddy's mother was taken aback by the question her eight-year-old son asked, she showed no visible sign of it.

"What do you mean by 'real religious,' Fred?" she asked.

"Aw, you know, Mommy, like always wearing a yarmalke 'n' always going to services and things like that. In Sunday school we read about God speaking to Moses and to Aaron 'n' gee, mom, they were real religious men. I was wondering if I were like that would God speak to me too."

"I think God speaks to all of us, Freddy. We don't always recognize His voice when we hear it, but it's there nevertheless no matter what principles we pursue or what rituals we observe. Darling, just wearing a yarmalke and going to Shul regularly doesn't make one religious. Strict observance of ritual is meaningless if you don't do something else. If you don't always remember that God put you here on this earth to do some good for your fellow man, to help in whatever way you can to make this a better world in which to live. If you do that, that's the most important part of being religious. Going to Shul—that part of it is practice—like you practice the piano in order not to forget how to play, so one should practice his religion in order not to forget the commandments of God. Do you understand, Freddy?"

"I think I do, mommy. You mean such things like always remembering to wear your yarmalke won't make you religious—It's doing good things besides." "That's right, son, and if you do the many good things that are here for you to do, I think that you will be more apt to hear God's voice when He speaks, because by doing good your heart will be 'tuned' to God, and you will be responding to His guidance without actually realizing it."

Freddy was silent.

His mother too felt she could say no more. Had she helped or had she just confused him? Why did he ask those things? More than ever she was conscious of her own inadequacy. "Mommy, it's not really a voice out loud like yours or mine, is it?"

"No, Freddy, God is not a man, so His voice can't be like man's." "Is it more like a—well, like a feeling, mommy?" "That's what it seems like to me, son."

"Hey, mommy, you know that in my room at school, the

one who can't hear very well?" His mother nodded, not daring to speak. By his eyes, by his voice, she knew that Freddy was thinking out loud.

"Well, y'know what, mommy, she doesn't have much fun in school. No one pays much attention to her because she's so hard to talk to. You say something and she just looks at you. She walks home my way and I walk with her; I really don't want to, it's kinda sissified to walk with a girl, but when there are no other kids around and I stand right next to her 'n' talk real loud she hears pretty good and we have fun together. Mommy, do you think I walk with her even though I really don't want to because God is kinda telling me that it wouldn't be the right thing to do?"

"I think that was God's voice, Fred."

"Mommy, has He ever talked to you?"

"Many times, Fred. Just now when you asked me how you could hear God, I think He helped me to make you understand. I don't think I could have done it alone."

Freddy's eyes began to twinkle. He and his mother understood each other.

"Kinda nice to have him around, isn't it, Mommy?"

"Kinda nice, son."

### Things To Think About

This story makes me think of another one and I'm going to try and squeeze it in right under the very nose of my editor. I'll probably catch it for taking up too much space, but perhaps if the mail just pours into the 'things to think about column' he might not be too tough on me. This will have to be a "quickie" so here goes:

There was once a little boy who worked and played so hard that when night came he was too tired to say his prayers. "I can't, Mom," he said, "I'm soooo tired." And before his mother could say a word he was sound asleep.

Up in heaven God and one of his angel secretaries were making their rounds. The angel shook his head and frowned. Then he dipped his quill in black ink and next to the boy's name he put a round fat baseball zero.

But God only smiled and turning to the angel He said, "remember this little boy? This morning he noticed the tired shadows under his mother's eyes and he hurried through his breakfast so that he had time to pick up his clothes and make his bed. On the way to school he noticed a kindergarten screaming with fright because a big dog was approaching. It was late, but he stopped to pat the dog, then firmly and encouragingly he took the little boy's hand in his own, and together they hurried off to school. That night instead of reading like he wanted to—he played with his younger brother,

Dear Boys and Girls, Shalom: Next Saturday, on February 12th, our nation will pause to honor the birth of one of the truly greatest American presidents—Abraham Lincoln.

We have all studied or heard the life of this plain man who, by his strong beliefs and honesty, rose to hold the highest office



which our country offers. He is honored by all peoples, races and creeds in our land because of his courageous fight to set slaves free in order that the word "freedom" would have real meaning to all peoples in every corner of the earth.

When he was president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln felt that it was more important that the slaves be set free than anything else. You know what happened then; the South, which still believed in slavery, revolted against the North and our terrible Civil War began.

In Baltimore, Maryland—a city which fought for the South—lived a Jew who decided to join Lincoln's fight for freedom. He was Rabbi David Einhorn.

When the war broke out, Rabbi Einhorn would mount his pulpit each Sabbath with a determined expression on his face and then explain how wrong and unjust it was for people to fight for the enslavement of other human beings. This was not an easy task for the rabbi of Baltimore. It would have been easier for him not to have spoken a word on this subject.

But Rabbi Einhorn continued his battle against the people of Baltimore until, finally, he was forced to flee to Philadelphia and later to New York where he continued his gallant struggle against slavery from his pulpit.

Of course, Rabbi Einhorn wasn't the only Jew who joined Abraham Lincoln, but reading the story of his role in this particular period of American history made me feel quite proud of his actions.

Shalom,

HERBERT WEINBERG

## Pen Pals and Mailbox

Moshe Stampfer, 8, of 817 Gas-kill Ave., Jeanette, Pa., writes: "I attend Hebrew School and am interested in Jewish laws and customs. In my spare time I try to teach my younger brother to read Hebrew." It's very nice of you to take the time to teach your brother Hebrew, Moshe. I notice, also, that you have many hobbies including stamp and rock collecting, reading and sculpturing.

Sheila Roesch, 55 Spring St., Dover, N. J., writes: "At our Hebrew school, 'The Dover Jewish Center' we all get this paper, and enjoy it very much. The first thing we look for is the Pen Pals column and the story." Thank you very much, Sheila. We are happy that you and your Jewish classmates enjoy our paper. Why don't you ask your friends to write to us, too?

because the little one was bored and cross after being in all day because of a cold. This little boy had God in his heart all day." And still smiling, the Good Lord took a large shiny gold star and pasted it right over the zero.

Things to think about, Junior Readers? D.W.

## Sen. Wiley Silent On Screening

## Proposed DP Law Changes Won't End Pogromist Peril, Says Duker

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A warning that impending changes in the 1948 Refugee law may not wipe out the possibility of pogromists entering the U. S. in the guise of DPs was issued here this week by a Jewish educator who led the fight to publicize the danger.

Dr. Abraham G. Duker, whose one-man campaign finally brought a demand from Jewish organizations for rigid screening of DPs to keep out Nazis, said that optimism over the proposed change was premature.

Duker, who is editor of the English page of the DAY, Yiddish socialist daily, said that the McGrath-Neely bill introduced in the Senate calls for abolition of the preferences for "Volksdeutsche" and Baltic collaborationists, as well as for the strict screening of the fascist and pogromists suspects.

### Boost In Numbers

The new administration bill also calls for a boost in the number of those to be admitted from 205,000 to 400,000.

"In view of the woeful neglect of preparations for the screening, this new and 'improved' non-racist legislation may serve as a greater Trojan horse against democracy and decency than was the 1948 fiasco in humanitarian-

### Push From Alpert

Dr. Abraham Duker's one-man fight against the DP law received its first big break in the Anglo-Jewish press when Post Columnist Carl Alpert carried a lengthy analysis in his "I Write as I Please" Aug. 27, 1948. In response to an offer of complete copies of the Duker report, Alpert received almost 50 requests.

ism," he said.

He said that so far nothing had been done to call the public's attention to these possibilities "or to point out the inadequacy of the screening preparations by the authorities."

It was noted that in the letter written by Sen. Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin Republican, to Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester, N. Y., proposing changes in the law, nothing was said about screening.

"As in the case of the misguided agitation preceding the 1948 Act, the promoters of the new reforms are not too anxious to point any accusing fingers at the pogromists," Duker said. "In fact, attempts of this kind have been discontinued at the behest of a powerful lobby which sees nothing wrong with the anti-Semitic DP bill and would like

to open the doors even more widely to the Volksdeutsche and the pogromists."

### NCRAC Congratulated

Duker congratulated the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating agency for Jewish civic defense groups, for its demand for screening. The demand was made in behalf of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans. It ended a tight silence by the Jewish groups on Duker's charges. (NJP Jan. 21).

To avoid confusion in framing amendments to the law, Sen. Wiley suggested to Rabbi Bernstein that a conference should be called of religious leaders to work out specific proposals for the Senate and House Judiciary groups.

"Our principal aim in perfecting the DP law should be, as I am sure you will agree, to remove once and for all from the minds of all observers any doubts or fears that members of the Senate or House are motivated in any way by religious or racial prejudice," Sen. Wiley wrote Bernstein. "Such prejudice is of course unthinkable here in the Congress or anywhere else."

Sen. Wiley was chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which reported the bill to the Senate. He spoke for it during debate and his name was on the bill. He now insists that a sub-committee wrote it and that he did not write a word of it.

Wiley's proposals dealt with three of the most-criticized portions of the 1948 date: the cut-off date, which made ineligible thousands of Jewish DPs; the provision that a specific job and housing be assured in advance for each DP; and the provision which mortgages future immigration quotas.

The former key supporter of the original measure proposed to revise it on these three points but said nothing about the question of collaborationists coming in under the act.

## Keating Urges Quota For Israel

WASHINGTON—(JTA) — Establishment of an immigration quota for Israel was called for this week by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating of New York, in remarks in the House.

Rep. Keating introduced a bill calling the U. S. to set up such a quota, and added the hope "that de jure recognition by our country will shortly follow, now that the new state has clearly demonstrated her capabilities of self-government."

## Leading Pediatrician Dies In N. Y. at 65

NEW YORK—Dr. Abraham M. Litvak, a leading pediatrician at Jewish hospitals in New York, died here last week at the age of 65 after a long illness.

He was director of pediatrics at Beth El Hospital, Brooklyn, visiting physician at Kingsbury Avenue Hospital, associate in pediatrics at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, and consulting pediatrician to the Workmen's Circle.

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# Jewish Scholar Reports Isaiah Scroll Discovery Probably Hoax

**National Jewish Post**  
PHILADELPHIA—The ancient scrolls of Jewish and other Hebrew writings, whose recent discovery in Palestine by Bedouins caused a sensation in scholarly circles, is "not an important discovery" and may involve a hoax, a noted Jewish scholar charged this week.

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, professor of rabbinical literature at Dropsie College, analyzed the claims made on behalf of the scrolls, which are asserted to date back to the pre-Christian era, which would make them the earliest Biblical writings in existence.

In an article in the January issue of the **JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW**, Dr. Zeitlin demon-

strated by careful analysis that the scrolls are probably medieval writings. Then he indicated serious doubts about the conditions relating to the discovery.

Pointing out that the scrolls were not found by scholars, Dr. Zeitlin noted that the Bedouins who said they found them in jars in an abandoned cave near the Dead Sea refused to bring in the jars. Dr. Zeitlin said the jars might have substantiated the antiquity of the writings.

He challenged the conclusion of Dr. John C. Trevor, whose article, "The Discovery of the Scrolls," created a sensation when published last September. In Dr. Trevor's report, it is related

that the Bedouins took the scrolls to the Moslem Sheikh in Bethlehem. The Moslem Sheikh, thinking that the script was Estrangelo Syriac, suggested that the Syrians in Bethlehem might be willing to buy them, according to Dr. Trevor.

The Syrians called their Metropolitan, Athanasius Yohse Samuel, in Jerusalem, who bought the scrolls for the library of St. Mark's Orthodox Convent in Jerusalem.

Dr. Zeitlin questioned the account of the finding and indicated suspicion of the refusal of the Bedouins to sell the jars to the Metropolitan, despite the fact that the Bedouins claim they are using them as water jars.

## CIO Walkout Averted At Last Minute

### Philadelphia Social Agencies Open Parleys; Strike Postponed

By SAM BUSHMAN

**National Jewish Post Correspondent**

PHILADELPHIA (NJP)—The threat of the first strike in Philadelphia history against three Jewish social welfare agencies was averted this week by an agreement reached with a CIO union a few hours before the walkout was slated to begin.

Two of the three agencies involved in a dispute with the CIO United Office and Professional Workers, Local No. 2, opened negotiations in time to postpone the strike set for Feb. 1.

An agreement was signed with Samuel Felgols, chairman of the board of the Association of Jewish Children, the third agency, and Bernard Segal, president of Local 19 of the union. Segal came from New York to handle final negotiations.

The other two agencies are the Jewish Family Society and the Employment and Vocational Bureau.

The agreement reached this week set the stage for three meetings in the next two weeks, with the understanding that if no settlement is reached, the strike will be called in two weeks.

The decision of the agencies to negotiate ended a stalemate created by the refusal of the agencies to meet with the union on demands for more pay and union recognition. The Federation of Jewish Charities took the position that the issue was one for the social agencies to settle.

Rabbi Meir Lasker, president of the Jewish Board of Ministers, aided in bringing the strike threat to a temporary end at the two agencies which led in opening talks with the union.

## Philadelphia Faces Fight On Issue

### Rabbi Urges Kosher Meat Sales In All Retail Outlets To Cut Prices

**National Jewish Post**

PHILADELPHIA—A bare-knuckle fight loomed this week between two groups of Orthodox rabbis here about the present kosher meat situation and the high prices for it here.

A minor pugnacious note was furnished by the Associate Kosher Butchers of Philadelphia, who challenged a rabbinical ruling on sale of kosher meat and promised to fight it.

The debate centered over a plan offered by Rabbi Sherman Novoseller, president of the Rabbinical Association of Philadelphia. He proposed to sanction the sale of kosher meat in all kinds of retail outlets, including chain stores, supermarkets and the like to get more distribution and to bring down the price.

His proposal drew a violent blast of protest from Rabbi B. L. Levinthal, dean of the Orthodox Rabbinate here, and head of the Philadelphia Vaad Hakashruth.

#### Law Laid Down

Rabbi Levinthal said "no meat may be bought in any place but a kosher butcher store under our

supervision, even when the meat bears a kosher stamp. I urge every Jew not to be misled by such individuals and to buy meat only from butcher stores bearing the sign of Vaad Hakashruth."

He added that "some individuals" were trying to tear down the rules and regulations of Kashrut in this city in existence for 50 years. Kashrut regulation in this city is exclusively in the hands of the rabbis of the Vaad Hakashruth.

Rabbi Ephraim E. Yolles, one of the Beth Din section of Vaad Hakashruth, said rabbis who sanctioned the sale of kosher meat in places where non-kosher meat was sold would automatically forfeit their rab-

## Mapai Gets 44 Seats; General Zionists 7

(Earlier Story Inside)

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Final percentage results in Israel's first national elections were made known this week. They are:

Mapai, 35.82 per cent; Mapam, 14.77; Religious Bloc, 12.35; Heruth, 11.52; General Zionists, 5.27; Progressives, 4.14; Sephardim, 3.51; Communists, 3.51; Arab Democrats, 7.72; Sternists, 1.24.

With 5,000 votes still to be counted, rough distribution of the Israeli Constituent Assembly's 118 seats follows: Mapai, 44; Mapam, 18; Religious Bloc, 15; Heruth, 14; General Zionists, 7; Progressives, 5; Sephardim, 5; Communists, 4; Nazareth Arabs, 3; Sternists, 1, and Yemenites, 1.

## European Rabbinic Meeting Slated

PHILADELPHIA (NJP)—A pan-European conference will soon be convened by rabbis in Europe to seek the help of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel in dealing with the religious problems created by the devastation of European Jewry, it was learned this week.

The disclosure was made by Rabbi Jacob Goldman of Jerusalem at the midwinter conference of the Rabbinical Council of America here. Rabbi Goldman came as the personal representative of Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel.

He said the plans were made to deal with the problem of deciding on the question "of preserving their Judaism in an environment where comparatively a handful of the remnants must live amid an overwhelming and hostile majority who only yesterday were bent on their destruction."

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He also pointed out that kosher meat could not be sold in any store that was open on the Sabbath.

Arthur Dennis, legal adviser to the butchers' association, ridiculed Rabbi Novoseller's plan and said his group would fight any effort to implement it.

## COUPLE OF WHOM ONE NON-JEWISH TO BE BARRED FROM ISRAEL, REPORT

TEL AVIV—The Israeli Government will not grant immigration certificates to a married couple one of whom is a non-Jew or non-Jewess, World Mizrahi (religious Zionist) headquarters reported, the Mizrahi News Bureau said this week.

The Mizrahi report said exceptions will be made in cases where a non-Jew or non-Jewess was active in helping Jews during the destruction of European Jewish communities. MNB said that even in such cases, permission must be obtained from the Israeli Immigration Minister and following the approval of the non-Jew will be required to accept the Jewish faith.

## TRANSJORDAN ACCEPTS BID TO JOIN TALKS AT RHODES

RHODES—New pressure on Egyptian negotiators was seen here this week in disclosure that Transjordan had accepted an invitation to participate in the armistice talks with Israel.

Neutral sources here said that the persistently deadlocked talks might either be resumed on a more promising basis or die. Dr. Bunche, United Nations mediator, presented new compromise proposals with a warning that some break in the deadlock was necessary to save the talks.

The reaction of the Egyptians to the recognition of Israel by Britain and a dozen other states—France, Italy, Switzerland, New Zealand, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Australia—was immediate. They indicated recognition of the fact that Israel was rapidly being accepted by most of the world.

Early in the week, Israel had been reported ready to ask the United States to apply pressure on Egypt.

The Israeli are insisting on complete Egyptian troop withdrawals from the Negev. Egypt is willing to withdraw its troops if it can retain a civil administration in Gaza, El Auja and Faluja. The Israeli accept the proposition for Gaza but not for any other city.

Food and medical supply convoys were passing through Israeli lines to the trapped Faluja garrison but the arrangements for evacuation of the 3,000 troops fell through. The Israeli said the proposal was contingent on cooperation by the Egyptians at Rhodes.

## Britain Clears RAF Planes To Egypt

LONDON (JTA)—The British Foreign Office has authorized the shipment to Egypt of 18 training planes formerly belonging to the Royal Air Force, the Evening NEWS reported this week.

The paper said that before permitting the London firm of James Stuart Travel, Ltd., to ship the aircraft to Egypt, the Foreign Office referred the question to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. acting Palestine mediator. The planes were being crated at Croydon Airfield for shipment to Misr Airways, the Egyptian national airline.

A representative of the shipping firm asserted that the planes had not been classified as war material, shipment of which to the Middle East is banned. The planes are said to be worth \$40,000.

## Detroit Hospital Group Won't Sue Federation

DETROIT—The Hebrew Hospital Association has decided to drop plans to sue the Jewish Welfare Federation in a dispute over Jewish hospital planning in Detroit, The Post learned this week.

President Saul Katz of the association said earlier that an attorney had been hired to start litigation. The immediate issue was alleged refusal by the Federation to pay interest due to the association on bonds held by the Federation in trust, according to Katz. (NJP Dec. 31, 1948).

Katz said the Federation had declined to continue to pay interest on the bonds which the hospital association sought in order to build a convalescent home on tract owned by the Mt. Sinai Hospital Association.

The background of the dispute included a frequently-postponed plan to build a major Jewish hospital in Detroit. The Jewish Hospital Association, affiliated with the Federation, recently announced plans to ask the Detroit Jewish community of 100,000 Jews for \$2,500,000 for such a hospital.

Katz had charged earlier that his group and the Mt. Sinai group had been ignored in the planning of the proposed Jewish hospital.

## Reform Temple Merges Hits Temporary Snag

PHILADELPHIA (NJP)—The proposed merger of the two oldest Reform congregations here, Keneseth Israel and Rodelph Shalom, has hit a snag, a spokesman for Keneseth Israel said this week.

He told The Post that the planned merger was not stymied but that an unforeseen delay had occurred which might postpone a final decision indefinitely.

Keneseth Israel approved the plan. Rodelph Shalom did likewise but with several reservations, which are expected to be up for final approval. Interested persons in both congregations are trying to iron out the differences.

## British Jews Will Ask UN To Demand Return By Christians of Jewish Orphans

LONDON—A group of British Jews agreed last week to ask the United Nations to demand that Christian families and monasteries reveal the names and whereabouts of Jewish war orphans they sheltered, and to allow the children to return to the Jewish community.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Jewish Commission on the Status of Jewish War Orphans in Europe, after some debate.

Dr. I. Grunfeld said it was his intention to place the issue before the UN after Passover when the Palestine situation might be more stable. But Dr. P. Riebenfeld opposed any such delay and urged that the matter be brought before the UN immediately.

Debate also developed on the promise made by Pope Pius to Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel that he would call on the Catholic Church to

declare the Jewish orphans. Rabbi Harris Swift, reporting on an investigation in France, said that the monasteries were refusing to offer information about Jewish orphans in their care.

Dr. Riebenfeld proposed that in view of the broken promise to declare the Jewish Children, the commission should make a public protest to the Catholic Church.

Elsley Zeitlyn, who visited Belgium and Holland for the Commission, said that in Belgium, 95 per cent of the known 3,000 Jewish orphans in non-Jewish homes or institutions at the end of the war, had been restored to their relatives or placed in Jewish homes and institutions.

Rabbi Swift said that the Commission had three workers in France, seeking to locate lost orphans and that progress was satisfactory, except for those children in Church institutions.